

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

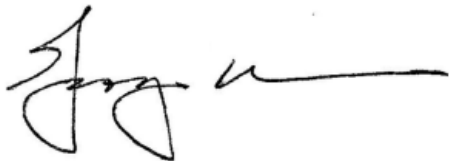
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Storage / Water Tank Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lancaster, located at 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, California, 93534. The funding would be used to install a new city-owned recycled water storage tank to replace an aging, borrowed 1-million-gallon tank operated by LA County Waterworks District 40, which could fail or be reclaimed at any time. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects the City's existing recycled water infrastructure system by replacing a vulnerable, borrowed asset with permanent city-owned capacity — avoiding the far greater cost of system failure or emergency replacement. By securing a reliable recycled water supply, the project reduces long-term reliance on potable water, lowering operational costs and preserving a critical public resource in one of California's most water-scarce regions.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



George Whitesides (CA27)
Member of Congress