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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Thousand Oaks Water Pumps Microgrid Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Thousand Oaks, located at 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Bl., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

The funding would be used for installation of microgrids for the City of Thousand Oaks water pumps. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because installation of battery energy storage for emergency power backup or microgrids would assure the water pumps are operable during wildfires or power outages. Thousand Oaks is designated a Very High Wildfire Severity Zone. In the last decade, extreme weather events, such as drought, excessive heat, and powerful winds have ignited destructive wildfires. Since 2018 eleven fires have burned almost 200,000 acres and caused more than 1,200 structures to be damaged or destroyed and resulted in 162 injuries. Microgrid system will charge onsite batteries with grid supplied 100% renewable energy which will be deployed during power outages and reduce the need for diesel generator use and thereby reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions. Furthermore, a microgrid solution would alleviate the need for any onsite fuel storage. It is important to note that deployment of diesel generators at water pump stations is often difficult due to location, terrain and elevation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Stafford Act), Sec. 5133 of 42 USC.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress