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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  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Santa Clara River Levee System (SCR-1) Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, located at 915 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The funding would be used for a feasibility study is required to assess the rehabilitation and reconstruction work required to recertify the levee. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing levee is outdated and does not offer the required level of flood protection to the community. The protective works of the Santa Clara River levee were originally designed in 1958 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to control the Corps' predicted Standard Project Flood discharge of 225,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) emanating from the Santa Clara River watershed. The purpose of the levee system is to provide protection against damages and potential loss of life caused by floods along the Santa Clara River and in the adjacent overflow areas immediately southeast of the levee system. More than 9,000 people live in the area and there are three schools, a shopping complex and manufacturing companies located in the protected area. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine the work necessary in modifying and rehabilitating the Santa Clara River Levee (Project – SCR-1) for the purposes of increasing public safety, continuing to provide flood risk management benefits, and better serve the public interest.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 216 of Public Law 91-611, the River and Harbor and Flood Control Act of 1970, and under the authority of Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law 80-858).

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