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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Calleguas Municipal Water District Smith Road Finished Water Tank in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Calleguas Municipal Water District, located at 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

The funding would be used for construction of the Smith Road Finished Water Tank, which will provide critical finished water storage capacity for Calleguas's system within the City of Simi Valley. Simi Valley is the second most populous city in Ventura County, California, with just over 125,000 residents. It is also the home of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, which attracts nearly 300,000 visitors annually. Due to its arid Mediterranean climate, the area is particularly prone to fires. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, since 2017, Calleguas has identified that the portion of its system in Simi Valley lacks sufficient water storage to meet peak hourly demands under certain operating conditions. Since Calleguas is 100% dependent on imported water from outside Ventura County with limited current storage facilities, it is imperative that Calleguas have sufficient storage capacity to meet peak demands should this supply be interrupted to ensure reliable supplies to the City of Simi Valley for its needs, including firefighting. In addition, the tank would provide operational benefits during normal and high demand conditions. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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 that reads "Julia Brownley".

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress