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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0520

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the proposed San Joaquin Valley Golden Mussel Watercraft Inspection Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bureau of Reclamation.

This funding would be used to establish a regional watercraft inspection and prevention program, advancing a project that would strengthen protection of Central Valley water infrastructure and recreational waterways against invasive golden mussels. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide critical resources, equipment, and planning to prevent costly disruptions, protecting essential water delivery systems for water users.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by P.L. 98-381, Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Control Act; and P.L. 104-332, National Invasive Species Act.

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

Sincerely,



VINCE FONG  
Member of Congress