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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Visalia Groundwater Recharge Basin F project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Visalia, located at 707 West Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA, 93291.

The funding would be used to construct a groundwater recharge site for greater stormwater capture and infrastructure enhancements, bolstering the Kaweah subbasin. The project will improve groundwater quality by increasing groundwater volume, diluting pollutants and improving aquifer health.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this second basin is urgently needed to increase groundwater recharge capacity while improving drought resiliency.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. Clean Water Projects. 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