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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the proposed Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant Laboratory Expansion project in Bakersfield, California in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kern County Water Agency Improvement District No. 4, located at 3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, California 93308.

This funding would be used to expand and modernize the laboratory at the Henry C. Garnett Water Purification Plant, increasing capacity for drinking water testing, regulatory compliance, and monitoring of emerging contaminants. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it upgrades a critical component of the regional drinking water system, ensuring continued compliance with federal standards and safeguarding public health for communities in the Bakersfield area.

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,



VINCE FONG
Member of Congress