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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

Re: Arvin-Edison Water Storage District DiGiorgio Unit Pipeline project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District DiGiorgio Unit Pipeline project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, located at 20401 East Bear Mountain Boulevard, Arvin, CA 93203.

The funding will be used to build a total of 11.8 miles of pipelines to convey and deliver an average of 4,000 acre-feet per year of surface water to agricultural producers for irrigated agriculture while stabilizing groundwater levels for the City of Arvin and the communities of Lamont, Weedpatch, and DiGiorgio. Delivering water to agricultural producers in these areas in lieu of water wells allows groundwater to be left in the aquifer, effectively recharging the groundwater supply. It is expected that groundwater levels will increase, and the supply will remain in storage until water is extracted by the municipal, domestic, and agricultural groundwater users. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve water supply reliability and groundwater quality for multiple Severely Disadvantaged Communities and agricultural producers in the area, as well as enhancing the economic vitality of the impacted towns.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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 "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress