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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: Community Project Funding Request for the Avenal Water Storage Tank Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Avenal Water Storage Tank Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Avenal, located at 919 Skyline Blvd, Avenal, CA 93204.

The funding will be used by the City of Avenal to purchase a replacement five million gallon water storage tank that they solely rely upon for clean and safe drinking water, as well as wastewater treatment purposes. The existing 52-year-old, 2.8-million gallon water tank sits atop the Avenal Rolling Hills and has long surpassed its expected lifespan of 30 years, now showing signs of denting and heavy rusting of its interior coating. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will ensure that the city's population of 14,000 will have reliable access to clean and safe drinking water, which they solely rely upon for their gravity-fed surface water supply via the California Aqueduct.

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,

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress