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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Frick Unit In-Lieu Project**

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Frick Unit In-Lieu Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, located at 20401 East Bear Mountain Boulevard, Arvin, CA 93203-0175.

The funding would be used to construct a new gravity pipeline which will provide irrigation to over 2,800 acres of irrigated agriculture. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the expansion of the distribution system will allow surface water supplies to be delivered to landowners for irrigation, subsequently reducing the landowner's groundwater pumping and providing in-lieu groundwater recharge. The project will help to improve local groundwater management through increased in-lieu groundwater recharge and will help offset declining groundwater elevations and avoid undesirable results in the region including, but not limited to: ground subsidence, increased concentration of water contaminants, and damage to existing water infrastructure.

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.

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 'D. Valadao', written in a cursive style.

Congressman David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress