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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 North Canal Spreading Works Expansion Project.

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Canal Spreading Works Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2025.

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

The funding will be utilized by the Arvin-Edison Groundwater Storage District in coordination with the Arvin Community Services District (ACSD) to convert approximately 160 acres of permanently cropped farmland into groundwater storage facilities. ACSD relies solely on groundwater to provide drinking water for the City of Arvin, which is recognized as a disadvantaged community by the State of California. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the additional water supply brings with it a 10-year benefit of 57,000 acre feet, ensuring a sustainable groundwater supply for ACSD and its nearly 20,000 residents who are at risk of reduced groundwater pumping accessibility.

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