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April 30, 2025

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 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Arvin-Edison Groundwater Storage District (*AEWSD*), 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 (*DAC*) 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 following the implementation of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (*SGMA*).

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