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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cucamonga Canyon Land Conservation (project) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rancho Cucamonga, located at 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga CA 91730.

The funding would be used to purchase approximately one-hundred-twenty acres of land surrounding Cucamonga Canyon Trail for conservation, rehabilitation, and preservation purposes in and around the trailhead and Cucamonga Canyon to protect the area's natural and cultural resources. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the area's conservation needs have been identified through a multi-agency management plan by the U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino County, and other local agencies. Cucamonga Canyon is ecologically connected to the dedicated Cucamonga Wilderness Area, and the Canyon provides support to sensitive, threatened, and otherwise ecologically significant species. Additionally, access to the Canyon is in a residential neighborhood, and the large crowds that visit the Canyon on a daily basis to view its waterfalls and pools have compromised the quality of life for area residents. Traffic, noise, littering, and graffiti are constant issues troubling the area and the lack of adequate parking facilities has caused considerable strain on nearby residential streets.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu".

Judy Chu
Member of Congress