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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The funding would be used for groundwater cleanup in the San Gabriel Basin and the Central Basin in Southern California. It will support activities at 33 active groundwater cleanup projects that use the latest technology to remove contaminants. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund was established by Congress in 2001 to clean up the region's groundwater, major portions of which are designated as Superfund sites, to prevent the contamination from spreading into the Central Basin. The Basin provides 90% of the drinking water supplies for over 1.84 million residents, of which more than 400,000 are in disadvantaged communities. Without the ability to remove contaminants, water rates are likely to increase substantially for residents and the San Gabriel Valley will have to increase its reliance on imported water from Northern California.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by San Gabriel Basin Restoration Project, Appendix D, Division B, Title I, 110, Public Law 106- 554, as amended; and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2002, Title II, 202, P.L. 107-66.

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

Sincerely,

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