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June 17, 2024

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Livermore Sewer Extension Protect Ground Water project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alameda County, located at 399 Elmhurst Street Hayward, CA 94544. The funding would be used for an extension of the city's sewer services into the agricultural preserve to protect the ground water quality, enable further agricultural growth through the areas rich viticulture industry, and allow for full implementation of the vision of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a recent study conducted by the UC Davis, California Agricultural Issues Laboratory, concluded that the South Livermore Valley wine industry is at risk without near term action, to include the provision of wastewater services for the wine producers in the area. Today, most wine makers must transport their wastewater off site for disposal which is very costly and impractical. The South Livermore Valley Area Plan calls for an expansion of viticulture in this agricultural preserve and the health of this agricultural area directly impacts the quality of life for the residents within the region. 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,

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Member of Congress