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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Digester Seismic Retrofit Renewable Energy Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oro Loma Sanitary District, located at 2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. The funding would be used to design, purchase, and construct necessary facility components to update the Oro Loma wastewater facility's seismic safety and resistance while restoring its net neutral energy status.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the San Francisco Bay Area, where my district is located, is a notoriously seismic area. Should Oro Loma Sanitary District's aging digesters fail during a seismic event, indications are that the facility would immediately lose 50 percent of digester capacity and 100 percent of renewable natural gas (methane) capture. Significant loss of digester capacity could result in sewage/biosolids overruns, total loss of plant functioning, potential impacts on the ecologically sensitive San Francisco Bay, and off-gassing of methane from lost capture. 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,



Member of Congress