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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa 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 Santa Fe, NM Paseo Real Water Reclamation Facility project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the design and development of the replacement wastewater reclamation facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current wastewater system for the City of Santa Fe is more than 60 years old and is in constant need of regular repair. Community project funding will improve the city's water quality to reduce the risk of permit violations. It will also protect the water resources for residents and irrigation users as well as the river's downstream users.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, as amended (Public Law 106-53).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Teresa Leger Fernández  
Member of Congress