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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Western Rural Water (Arizona, Environmental Infrastructure, AZ - Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District) project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would be used to develop three new wells and associated conveyance to provide drought mitigation actions to increase available water supply and partially replace surface water, improve management, reduce losses, protect at risk farms without access to groundwater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because unprecedented drought in the Colorado River Basin has led to the first ever Tier 2a shortage on the Colorado River, resulting in surface water allocations to diminish. This project will help replace some of the lost surface water, improve water quality and provide added operational flexibility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 595 Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Authority established through the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260).

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

Sincerely,

Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress

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