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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gonzales Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gonzales, located at 147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, CA 93926.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of the City's Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, including replacement of nine non-functioning aerators, four channel grinders, installation of a new grit removal system and dichlorination system, and sludge removal from existing lagoons.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it brings the plant into compliance with discharge requirements issued by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, protects the adjacent Salinas River and regional groundwater from contamination, unlocks housing capacity in a disadvantaged rural community, and preserves wastewater capacity for three agricultural processing facilities that employ hundreds of families across the Salinas Valley.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) and consistent with the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grant Program authorized under 7 U.S.C. § 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



**Zoe Lofgren**

Member of Congress

California's 18th Congressional District