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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Monterey, located at 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, California 93901.

The funding would be used for Phase 2 of the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project, including equipping production wells drilled in Phase 1, constructing a water treatment facility and housing structure, constructing a transmission line to deliver treated water to the community, and renovating or replacing the existing distribution system. The project will provide clean, safe drinking water to the unincorporated community of San Lucas, which has been under bottled water orders since 2011.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because San Lucas is a severely disadvantaged community of approximately 325 predominantly Hispanic farmworker families that has been without safe drinking water for over a decade. The community has endured two separate "do not drink" orders since 2011 and has been relying on bottled water while awaiting a permanent solution. Phase 1 well drilling is complete and prior CPF funding has been provided in FY24 and FY26, demonstrating federal commitment and project readiness. This Phase 2 request constructs the remaining components needed to actually deliver clean water to the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12, which establishes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to assist public water systems in financing infrastructure improvements needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

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

Sincerely,



**Zoe Lofgren**

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