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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Juan Bautista Drinking Water Infrastructure project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Juan Bautista, located at 311 Second Street, San Juan Bautista, California 95045.

The funding would be used for initial construction of a water force main connecting the City of San Juan Bautista's water system to the regional water treatment plant operated by the San Benito County Water District, providing safe, clean drinking water to approximately 2,000 residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of San Juan Bautista's groundwater has excessive salt content that renders it unsafe for drinking and non-compliant with federal water quality standards. The California State Water Resources Control Board has assessed fines against the city for over a decade, and EPA has issued a compliance order requiring the city to bring its water system into compliance. Residents are currently paying over \$300 per month in combined water and wastewater bills as a direct result of the infrastructure crisis. The city has already secured \$10 million in WRDA allocation and \$1.1 million in FY26 CPF funds for design and permitting, demonstrating strong project readiness and federal investment continuity.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1452 (42 U.S.C. 300j-12), which establishes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to assist public water systems in financing the cost of 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zoe Lofgren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zoe Lofgren

Member of Congress

California's 18th Congressional District