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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Clean Drinking Water and Groundwater Cleanup Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, located at 4040 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90712 and the project is Whittier, Montebello, and La Habra, CA.

The funding will be used to treat three PFAS-affected wells in congressional district (CD) 38. These wells produce about 3,295-acre feet of water annually (just over 1.07 billion gallons of water) water to meet the needs of 32,950 people of water each. One acre foot is enough water to meet the needs of two families of five. This means the well remediation system will treat enough water to meet the needs of 30,295 people in the Cities of La Habra, Whittier and Montebello.

The PFAS Remediation Program is included in WRD's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). You may view WRD's CIP plan <a href="here">here</a>. The need to treat PFAS-affected wells is urgent and has widespread community support. The Program was developed in collaboration with water providers in WRD's service area. Water providers support the program to avoid well closures related to PFAS; at least one well in the City of Commerce was forced to temporarily close, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars (view article <a href="here">here</a>). The goal of the Program is to ensure water providers have the support they need to offer customers high quality water; the program helps meet State public health goals related to drinking water (view need for water treatment <a href="here">here</a>).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez Member of Congress

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