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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Big Bend Water District Isolation Valve Replacements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Las Vegas Valley Water District, located at 1001 South Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89153.

The funding will enable the Big Bend Water District (BBWD) to replace one 16-inch and two 18-inch isolation valves to ensure continued system integrity in BBWD's distribution system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the BBWD, under the management of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, provides drinking water to the town of Laughlin, Nevada. Several critical isolation valves within the BBWD's distribution system are nearing the end of their operational life. These valves play an essential role in system reliability, allowing the BBWD to isolate leaks and water main breaks before they lead to major service disruptions or infrastructure failures.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie Lee".

Susie Lee
Member of Congress