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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$908,000 in community project funding for the Laughlin Water Storage Tank Construction – Design Phase project to support increased water storage capacity in Laughlin, Nevada, in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding would be used to design the first of a pair of two-million-gallon water storage tanks. Sitting at the southern tip of Nevada, Laughlin is struggling with water infrastructure no longer sufficient to meet its needs, especially in the event of an emergency. The town's water treatment and delivery system is the only such system managed by the Las Vegas Valley Water District that lacks a secondary water source and lags in water storage capacity. Laughlin currently has a four-million-gallon potable water storage deficit. The new water storage capacity facilitated by this project will help Laughlin fill this critical gap.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of its focus on maximizing water safety as well as water supply, its widespread community support, and its Federal nexus. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1304 of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024.

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