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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Burbank Potable Reservoir Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Burbank Water and Power located at 275 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, California 91502. The funding would be used for the replacement of Burbank's sub-standard 100-year-old finished water reservoir.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacement of the reservoir is critical to providing potable water to over 100,000 residents and businesses. Due to its age, the reservoir has required extensive maintenance and repair efforts over the years. Currently, due to leaking problems, it is limited to 50% capacity. Furthermore, the last sanitary survey conducted by the state's Division of Drinking Water concluded that the reservoir needs to be replaced soon because staff is performing mitigation measures to prevent stormwater from entering vents runoff in order to comply with drinking water standards. These mitigation efforts are outdated; they may not always be effective and are not required on modern reservoirs. Replacing the reservoir will be necessary to ensure Burbank residents receive clean and reliable water.

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,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress