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House of Representatives
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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 Rose Bowl Stadium Water and Wastewater System Replacement Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pasadena located at 100 Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California, 91101. The funding would be used for the replacement of components of the water and wastewater systems at the Rose Bowl Stadium. The two systems are comprised of assets which are approaching 100 years old and exceeding the end of their useful life. These assets have shown erosion and presented overall safety concerns on a daily basis. New water and wastewater assets will improve efficiency by allowing for better flow capacity, reduction of maintenance concerns such as back-ups, and improved overall drainage efficiency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in this infrastructure would improve safety, reliability, and water quality, and will also allow the City of Pasadena to re-allocate its limited preventative maintenance funds to other initiatives, such as continued improvement of the venue's safety and security infrastructure and operations. Implementation of this project will serve over 1 million visitors each year to the Rose Bowl Stadium from around the region, country, and the world for major events that are often in the national spotlight. Furthermore, the Stadium is preparing to host the 2028 Olympic Games as the selected venue for the semifinal and final rounds of men's and women's soccer.

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