

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0530**

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March 19, 2026

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 Workforce Development Training Facility Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Burbank, located at 275 East Olive Avenue, Burbank CA 91502. The funding would be used to construct and upgrade facilities for Burbank Water and Power's training school for journeymen linemen in order to address current workforce shortages and support California's electric infrastructure needs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will both build a skilled pipeline of critically needed journeymen and develop the next generation of workers to meet rapidly increasing energy needs. Burbank Water and Power's apprenticeship program accepts applicants without prerequisites—one of the few utility programs in Southern California with this open-access design—providing accessible pathways to well-paying craft careers. Apprentices earn competitive wages throughout the four-year training program and graduate as journey-level craftspersons. Upgrading Burbank's linemen training facilities will allow the community to thrive economically while maintaining a safe, reliable, affordable source of power.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). 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