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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Garstin Water Operations Facility Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power (BBLDWP), located at 41972 Garstin Dr, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. The funding would be used to replace and complete key components of an aging water operations facility to improve system reliability, protect critical equipment, and strengthen emergency response capabilities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that this rural and underserved region has consistent access to safe and dependable water service.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Obernolte".

Jay Obernolte  
Member of Congress