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Chair Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
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Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Mojave River Pipeline in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mojave Water Agency, located at 13846 Conference Center Drive, Apple Valley, California 92307.

The funding will be used to add a new traveling screen facility at the start of the Mojave River Pipeline (MRP) to screen and filter out moss and debris at the start of the MRP where pressures are low and operation is safer. The screen will restore the capacity of the MRP to its full capacity, removing the operational restrictions the pipeline is currently experiencing. Restoring the capacity of this pipeline, which is used to bring much needed water from the California Aqueduct to offset historical depletion of native groundwater, is particularly important to the disadvantaged communities that depend on this resource. The project will also add a new pilot recharge basin in the upper portion of the Alto subarea, a critical groundwater resource for the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress