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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 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Big Bear Lake's Department of Water and Power, located at 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA, 92315. The funding would be used for the design and construction of the new water operations building as well as the construction of yard improvements for access and storage on the northerly end of the site.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will replace an aging public facility which is not cost effective to retrofit to meet current seismic safety and building code standards. 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,

Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress