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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) Drought Resilience and Recycling Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hi-Desert Water District, located at 55439 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

The funding would be used to allow HDWD to meet their established water use objectives and improve water efficiency by utilizing treated plant effluent as a water resource. The district has developed this phased approach to account for permitting requirements of water reuse projects.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because once constructed, the Recycled Water Project will have the capacity to replace up to 160,000 gallons per day (GPD) of potable water irrigation demand during peak seasons. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Obernolte", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress

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