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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Joshua Tree Septic-to-Sewer Phase I Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Bernardino, located at 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

The funding would be used to plan the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and a sewer collection system within the unincorporated Joshua Tree community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable residents and businesses currently relying on septic systems to connect to a centralized sewer system, reducing potential surface and groundwater pollution, including nitrates from failing septic tanks.

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, reading "Jay Obernolte".

Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress