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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

am requesting funding for the *Carnuel Septic Tank Abandonment and Connection to Municipal Sewer* project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Bernalillo – Public Works, located at 415 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The funding would be used to support the abandonment of aging and failing septic systems and connection of residential properties to the existing Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority low-pressure sewer system, including installation of grinder pumps, electrical upgrades, and associated infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses documented sources of water contamination in the Tijeras Arroyo watershed, where failing and unpermitted septic systems contribute to elevated nitrogen and phosphorus levels in both groundwater and surface water. By eliminating these pollution sources and enabling connection to a modern sewer system, the project will significantly improve water quality, protect public health, and reduce long-term environmental remediation costs. Additionally, the project supports a low- and moderate-income community by removing financial barriers to essential wastewater infrastructure and allowing residents to remain safe.

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.), which establishes the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program to support wastewater infrastructure projects, including decentralized system replacement and sewer connections that improve water quality.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie Ann Stansbury, Member of Congress