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4TH DISTRICT, NEVADA

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Mead/Las Vegas Wash Program in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Southern Nevada Water Authority at 100 City Parkway, Suite 700, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106.

The Las Vegas Wash is the primary drainage of the Las Vegas Valley, carrying urban runoff and treated wastewater into Lake Mead and the Colorado River. The Wash is critical for southern Nevada as it serves as a return flow conveyance, increasing the amount of water Nevada can withdraw from Lake Mead. It is also an important environmental resource, providing wetland habitat. Funds would be used to construct erosion control structures in the Lower Wash, which is located in the NPS Lake Mead National Recreation Area. This will protect existing infrastructure, restore surrounding wetlands, and improve drinking water quality for the Southern Nevada region. Securing necessary federal funding for the completion of the weirs has not been feasible due to federal budgetary constraints. The Bureau of Reclamation has been assisting with efforts to manage erosion control and restoration of the Wash. Reducing the sediment load is important because the Wash discharges into Lake Mead, which is the primary drinking water source for southern Nevada. Without federal assistance, the construction costs of the weirs for the Lower Wash will further strain local resources that could otherwise be allocated for local water infrastructure projects.

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

Sincerely,

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