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

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting community project funding for Virgin Valley Water District in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is, Virgin Valley Water District, 500 Riverside Road Mesquite, NV 89027.

The funding would be used to replace approximately 26,000 feet of failed/failing/undersized transmission lines (pipe, valves, tees, and other appurtenances) on Riverside Road and White Rock Road. The transmission lines flow water from 4 wells, three arsenic treatment plants, and four above ground storage tanks to citizens in Bunkerville and the historic portion of Mesquite, NV.

The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because one of the Virgin Valley Water District's main transmission lines is experiencing failing pipe due to high pressures, bad pipe material, improper installation practices, and corrosive soil conditions. In the past three years there have been four major pipe breaks causing asphalt damage to the adjacent roadway, and significant water losses. The leaking pipe contributes to the District losing approximately 30,000 gallons per day of water (over 11,000,000 gallons per year), or approximately 150 homes worth of water use per year. Replacing the water lines will make the District's system more efficient by reducing pumping energy and help the District to achieve it's 2035 water conservation goal of 85 gallons per capita per day for residential use, and thereby delaying the timeframe for which the District will have to develop it's Virgin River water rights for future culinary water needs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Horsford".

Congressman Steven Horsford

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