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Congress of the United States
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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,

I am requesting funding for the Nye County Water District Water Infrastructure and Pipeline project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 915 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1109, Los Angeles, California 90017. The funding would be used for preconstruction activities for a deep well exploration drilling program to confirm the extents and feasibility to capture the deep carbonate outflow, which will help to inform the preliminary engineering and design of wellfield and pipeline in Pahrump, Nevada and work on planning to access water resources held by local utility companies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because absent meaningful intervention, Pahrump is likely to face a severe and potentially existential water crisis in the future as groundwater levels continue to fall. The proposed recovery project represents a strategic mitigation measure that could significantly delay the onset of critical shortages and potentially extend the community's water viability by several decades.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 595 (as amended and enacted in WRRDA 2014, Section 4008, Public Law 113-121).

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 that reads "Steven Horsford".

Steven Horsford
Member of Congress