



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ranch Water Filtration Plant in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Santa Margarita Water District, located at 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. This project would create a local source of water which would account for around 5% of Santa Margarita Water District's total water demands and around 20% of indoor demands.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it converts impaired groundwater to a local drinking water supply, thereby reducing the need for imported water and enhancing sustainability, reliability, and drought resilience.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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 "Mike Levin".

Mike Levin
Member of Congress