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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "California Coastal Trail" project in fiscal year 2025, in the amount of \$1,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the County of San Diego, located at 1600 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101.

This project will fund the design and environmental analysis phase of the construction of a crossing for the California Coastal Trail in the Tijuana River Valley. This project will provide a safe, more accessible trail crossing of the Tijuana River and would connect to existing trails in the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park. In 2024 the County completed a Feasibility Analysis of potential crossings and determined a preferred alignment.

This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because the California Coastal Trail is a treasure providing Californians with safe, enjoyable recreation spanning the entire state. This project will provide a safe, more accessible trail crossing of the Tijuana River and would connect to existing trails in the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

This project has received support from community leaders including San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and State Senator Stephen Padilla.

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

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress