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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the San Diego Wildfire Suppression Project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$1,166,000. The entity to receive the funding is the City of San Diego, located at 202 C Street, Floor 11, San Diego, CA, 92101.

The City of San Diego continues to see increased wildfire activity becoming a yearlong endeavor. The City requests \$1,166,000 to purchase, install, and equip four fixed helicopter fire hydrant systems to enhance aerial wildfire suppression capabilities in the underserved and high-risk areas.

This project is a good use of federal funds because this project will enhance San Diego Fire Rescue's ability to provide aerial wildfire suppression capabilities in the underserved and high-risk areas, as well as proactively address vegetation areas that can be fuel for fire activity.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2).

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.

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

Thank you for your consideration of funding for these programs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Rivas, at michael.rivas@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "V".

Juan Vargas
Member of Congress