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

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the "New River, Imperial County, CA" project in fiscal year 2022, in the amount of \$650,000. The entity to receive funding for this project is Army Corps of Engineers, located at 915 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017. The intended project sponsor is Imperial County, located at 940 West Main Street, Suite 209, El Centro, CA 92243.

The \$650,000 will be allocated towards the planning and design phases required to analyze pollutants in the New River, with the goal of establishing a much-needed wastewater infrastructure facility that entering from Mexico. The finalized project would allow the New River to meet environmental standards that the U.S. has historically put in place to protect our citizens' health, as well as the environment in the region.

More specifically, the funding would be used to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), in coordination and consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers. Among other things, the report will include a hydrologic analysis, as well as comprehensive water quality sampling and analysis. A PER will also identify a recommended course of action and viable alternatives. Following the PER, funding will be allocated to project design and permitting.

This project has also received written support from the City of Brawley, the City of Calexico, the City of Imperial, Imperial County, and the Imperial County Division of the League of California Cities which—in addition to the cities listed above—includes Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, and Westmorland, California.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress