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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Montana Water System Upgrade in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County, located at 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, TX 79901.

The funding would be used for upgrading the East Montana water system which will strengthen reliability, capacity, and safety for residents. Modernization reduces service interruptions and emergency repairs while ensuring compliance with regulatory standards. Preventative infrastructure investment is significantly more cost-effective than reactive replacement and supports long term sustainability.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The East Montana Water Tower will help the County better manage its water supply and distribution to this growing area during times of peak demand and it provides a buffer in cases of drought or emergencies such as a major fire, power outage, pump failure, or during maintenance activities. In addition to providing water storage, the tower uses gravity to provide consistent water pressure to homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions throughout the distribution system. Importantly, consistent water pressure is critical for firefighting operations, especially in multi-story buildings or in situations where the fire is spreading rapidly. The new water tower will provide a reliable and safe water supply for this unincorporated area of the El Paso County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c) (Section 603(c)).

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 "Veronica Escobar".

Member of Congress