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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Large Diameter Pipe Valve Replacement – Phase 3. The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso Water, located at 1154 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, TX 79925.

The funding would be used for replacing aging inoperable isolation valves on major water transmission mains to improve system reliability and protect critical drinking water infrastructure. The project upgrades older valve technology to more durable equipment, strengthening emergency response capability, and reducing the risk of service disruptions and water loss.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable water service is essential to daily life, supporting sanitation, public health, and economic activity, and disruptions, lasting hours or even days, can disproportionately impact vulnerable populations. This project strengthens critical transmission infrastructure by replacing aging, inoperable isolation valves on large-diameter water mains that distribute potable water from the Robertson/Umbenhauer Water Treatment Plant. Functioning isolation valves are vital to quickly shut off water flow during emergencies, limit flooding, reduce property damage, and maintain service to unaffected areas. When valves fail to operate, water loss can be extensive, response times are prolonged, and both private property and public infrastructure face significant damage and cost. By ensuring valves can effectively isolate breaks, particularly in large transmission lines, the project minimizes water loss, accelerates emergency response, and protects both community safety and infrastructure integrity.

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