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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) and Densified Activated Sludge (DAS) Bay Area Regional Wastewater Demonstration Site Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, located at 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, California 94553.

The funding would be used for adding Densified Activated Sludge (DAS) technology to an existing large-scale Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) demonstration site to enhance nitrogen removal and environmental protection while leveraging existing treatment facilities, and sharing results with wastewater agencies across the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide crucial data on new nutrient treatment technologies that, if successful, could be widely replicated and would cost far less than traditional technologies and avoid the need to build costly additional infrastructure or capacity by agencies that serve over 7.1 million residents in the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress