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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Virginia City Divide Water Main project, located in Storey County, Nevada, in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Storey County, located at 10 S. B Street Virginia City, NV 89440.

The funding would be used to replace the existing main potable water pipelines in Virginia City, Nevada. The only water source available to Virginia City is surface water from the Marlette Water System, which travels from a storage reservoir 14-miles to the Virginia City Water System. Historic susceptibility to devastating fire loss along with the increase in drought-driven wildfires throughout the west, highlights the need for a robust water system that can accommodate the expanding growth in tourism while ensuring residents have access to safe drinking water. Virginia City's water system is in danger of catastrophic failure as most of the pipeline was installed around 1875. With no other available water supply, the residents and businesses would be under great hardship should the city's system fail or become contaminated. The undersized and aging infrastructure poses increased threats due to fire flow limitations, excess water pressures, and has caused multiple breakages leading to numerous emergency repairs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,


Mark E. Amodei
Member of Congress