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

May 7, 2024

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Morro Bay Storm Drain Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is located in Morro Bay, California.

The funding would be used to repair and upsize storm drains, enhance resilience against floods by rerouting lines and constructing new drains. The City of Morro Bay experienced heavy flooding along its Main Street business and residential corridor on January 9, 2023, and March 10, 2023. During these storms, the City's storm drain system failed to convey water out of the flood zone and other areas. The result was an unsafe situation for citizens and first responders during the emergencies, followed by millions of dollars in damages to homes, businesses, and City infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety for my constituents and first responders during storm events and will mitigate flooding. In turn, this will minimize damage to property, businesses, and public infrastructure due to storms.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress