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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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March 20, 2026

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA 93436

The requested federal funding will be used to design, procure, and construct four project components as part of the City of Lompoc Water Treatment Plant Modernization Project. This includes rehabilitation and replacement of flocculation basins that have been in continuous service since the plant's 1964 construction; replacement of aging polymer storage tanks that have exceeded safe service life; structural rehabilitation of sedimentation basins, the largest and most capital-intensive component, where decades of hydraulic loading and chemical exposure have caused significant concrete and structural degradation; and, replacement of aging valves, piping, and hydraulic control structures that are critical for safely routing water flow during maintenance shutdowns and emergency repairs.

The project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help with drinking water reliability and also support our national security. Vandenberg Space Force Base — the nation's primary West Coast launch site for military and commercial satellites, including national security space missions and NASA payloads — is directly served by the Lompoc Water Treatment Plant.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. 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