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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ventura Levee System VR-1 in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding will go toward the initiation of the County of Ventura, Ventura Levee System VR-1 feasibility study through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine the work necessary for modifying and rehabilitating the Ventura River Levee (Project – VR -1). VR-1 is a 2.65-mile-long levee system located along the east bank of Ventura River. The levee begins at the Pacific Ocean and extends north to the confluence with Cañada de San Joaquin. It is estimated that as many as 2,441 structures would be inundated by levee failure with expected annual property damages of nearly \$697,000,000. Critical infrastructure in addition to the commercial, industrial, and residential buildings noted above include 1 fire station, State Highway 33 and U.S. Highway 101.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will prevent a potential loss of life and loss of urban infrastructure and property.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding is authorized under provisions of Section 216 of Public Law 91-611, the River and Harbor and Flood Control Act of 1970, and under the authority of Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law 80-858), 88th Congress, 2nd Session, as approved on June 20, 1948

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