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House of Representatives

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The Honorable
Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Installation of Deep Monitoring Wells in Wai'alae and Wai'anae in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management, located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

The funding would be used for the construction of 2 new deep monitoring wells on O'ahu, with a focus on the Wai'anae and Wai'alae-East Aquifer System Areas. Data from these wells will be used to refine current sustainable yield estimates, ensure that long term drinking water plans match scientific understanding, and respond to drinking water threats from both groundwater contamination and drought. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations, address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants such as PFAS, and ensure the long-term security of drinking water resources on the island of O'ahu.

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).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress