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The Honorable Mark Amodei
Chairman
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2006 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Amodei and Ranking Member Cuellar,

I write to request \$380,586.92 in community project funding for the West Valley Wildfire Early Detection and Situational Awareness Project. The funding will support a regional wildfire early detection and situational awareness project with the benefits framed across the West Valley and other foothill communities. The proposed project combines fixed local detection hardware with satellite-based wildfire monitoring and analytics. Specifically, the project would deploy sensor kits, twelve wind sensor assemblies, associated mounting hardware, shipping, and implementation, calibration, configuration, onboarding, and field support, together with wildfire monitoring and analytics. The project is intended to improve early wildfire detection, operational awareness, and decision time for protective actions in high-risk WUI areas and evacuation corridors.

Agency: FEMA
Bureau/Component: Federal Assistance
Account/Program: Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Thank you for your consideration of my request as you prepare the Homeland Security appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2027.

Sincerely,



Sam T. Liccardo
Member of Congress