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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the West Valley Wildfire Early Detection and Situational Awareness Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Los Gatos, located at 110 E Main St, Los Gatos, California 95030. The funding would be used for a regional wildfire early detection and situational awareness project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the speed of wildfire detection and provide earlier situational awareness for operational and protective-action decisions. Earlier detection and better intelligence can support faster field verification, more timely evacuation messaging, more informed deployment decisions, and reduced fire growth before a wildfire becomes a major incident.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Sincerely,



Sam T. Liccardo
Member of Congress