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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the PFAS Treatment and Well Rehabilitation Project for fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pleasanton, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This project is to construct a new water well to offset the loss in clean water and pumping capability that has been lost due to other wells being decommissioned because of dangerous PFAS chemicals. The project will help ensure clean drinking water for nearly 100,000 Californians in the district and a reduced reliance on state clean water sources while also mitigating increases to water rates. The City of Pleasanton is a water retailer and provides water to 22,000 customers delivering 4,800 million gallons of water per year. The City's water sources are from water purchased from Zone 7 Water Agency, at 75 percent, and the City's groundwater, at 25 percent.

The community suffers from unclean water with varying levels of dangerous chemicals. Coupled with an "Exceptional" drought situation in Pleasanton, the possibility of not having enough water of acceptable quality or even of a quality that is safe, is a serious concern. The drought threatens to lower the actual groundwater yields, therefore exacerbating the community's dependency on water from Zone 7 at a high cost to the almost 80,000 residents of the city. The anticipated cost of purchasing more water from Zone 7 Water Agency is city water rates jumping 42%. An increase in water rates would especially threaten those on fixed incomes populations throughout Pleasanton.

Furthermore, ongoing drought conditions exacerbate the strain on aging well infrastructure and pumping processes, further increasing reliance on other sources of water which simultaneously

grows increasingly scarce. Zone 7's water supply is also an increasingly scarce commodity, with some of it being groundwater that is mostly within the Pleasanton city limits, and much of it coming from the State Water Project.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Swalwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress