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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Fort Laramie Canal Tunnel Restoration project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The funding would be used to ensure the long-term safety, reliability, and efficiency of critical federally owned irrigation infrastructure through the restoration and reinforcement of Tunnels #1 and #2 of the Fort Laramie Canal. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aligns with federal priorities by ensuring infrastructure resilience, promoting rural economic sustainability, and mitigating severe financial burdens on local farmers and regional economies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the North Platte Project through the Federal Reclamation Act of 1902 (P.L. 57-161).

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

Sincerely,

Harriet M. Hageman
Member of Congress