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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Irvine/COAST Wildfire Prevention SR-133 Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Irvine, located at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606.

The funding would be used to protect the adjacent communities from the impacts of extreme weather events, like the 1992 Laguna Fire, through the implementation of targeted habitat restoration and wildfire mitigation measures. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enhance wildfire resilience and community safety along the Laguna Canyon Road (SR-133) corridor, a high-risk area prone to ignition events.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dave Min

Member of Congress