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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives The Honorable Mike Simpson, Chairman The Honorable Chellie Pingree, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations

RE: Mare Island Sewer Rehabilitation

Dear Chairmen Cole and Simpson and Ranking Members DeLauro and Pingree:

I respectfully request \$3,000,000 for the Mare Island Sewer Rehabilitation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District located at 450 Ryder Street, Vallejo, CA 94590.

This community project funding would be used to rehabilitate the outdated municipal sewer system on Mare Island, a decommissioned U.S. Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, to reduce inflow and infiltration related to sea level rise. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because rehabilitating this critical wastewater treatment infrastructure will significantly reduce the risk of raw sewage reaching the San Francisco Bay, fulfilling the federal and state missions under the *Clean Water Act* to restore the Bay. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the *Clean Water Act* (33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.).

Pursuant to Clause 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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JOHN GARAMENDI Member of Congress