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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
The Honorable Rosa L. 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: Pittsburg Water Treatment Plant Fuel Cell Project

Dear Chairs Granger and Simpson and Ranking Members DeLauro and Pingree:

I respectfully request \$1.2 million in Community Project Funding for the Pittsburg Water Treatment Plant Fuel Cell Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pittsburg Power Company—the City of Pittsburg, California’s municipal utility—located at 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This Community Project Funding would be used to add a fuel cell allowing the water treatment plant to generate electricity to meet its baseload needs. Currently, the wastewater treatment plant is vulnerable to both grid outages and rising electricity prices across California and wholly reliant on electricity from an investor-owned utility, which is subject to increasingly frequent public safety power shutoffs due to wildfire risks in my state.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because adding a fuel cell to provide onsite, renewable electricity would save the 76,000 residents and ratepayers of Pittsburg approximately \$1 million for the more than 10,000 megawatt hours of electricity used by the Pittsburg Water Treatment Plant each year. The project has a clear Federal nexus because the funding to-be 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 my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI  
Member of Congress