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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Elementary Septic Replacement** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Anderson Valley Unified School District**, located at 12300 Anderson Valley Way, Boonville, CA 95415.

The funding would be used for Replacement of fully failed elementary septic system at a 70 year old site that serves 225 low income, Hispanic children in a rural town in Mendocino County. Our families work in the fields.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because rural school systems are integral to California and are under-represented in political influence compared to wealthy districts. Students deserve an equitable and safe place to learn where they are not walking through raw sewage on a playground. The cost burden of this \$1.5 million sewage system next to a rural creek feeding into domestic water wells is not feasible for a tiny district of 425 kids. Help kids learn in an environment of equity by making sure their school system has the health and safety standards of other school systems in the state.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman  
Member of Congress