

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Cleanwater Center project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sunnyvale, located at 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

This funding will be used to upgrade and replace key facilities in Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant. This plant has provided reliable 24/7 wastewater treatment since its construction in 1956. However, the Plant's existing facilities are reaching the end of their useful life. Upgrades are necessary to reliably meet increasingly stringent environmental and regulatory requirements. The renovated Plant will be more operationally resilient, use more cost-effective technologies, be more energy efficient, and promote resource recovery. The Cleanwater Center will also serve as a vital hub of operations for the team that runs and maintains the Plant. It will include a modern environmental laboratory for testing waste streams, a control room to monitor the thousands of daily measurements, a maintenance shop and warehouse, staff office and training facilities, and public education space. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is an upgrade to a treatment plant consistent with federally authorized programs.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna  
Member of Congress