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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the Yerba Buena Bridge Reconstruction project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Jose, located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113. The funding would enable development of construction plans with City staff and contracted consultants, will support project management, permitting, inspection services, environmental monitoring, demolition, construction, and improvements to the existing hillside. Funding provides labor costs for City staff, local consulting firms, regulatory agencies, and construction crews.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Yerba Buena Bridge was originally constructed in the early twentieth century and has been a staple of the community, linking neighbors to recreational access and educational centers. The bridge has fallen into disrepair and requires removal and replacement. The bridge serves as a crossing over Yerba Buena Creek and connects neighborhoods to high use areas, including parks, Evergreen Community College, transit stops, bike lanes, workforce opportunities, and abundant open space. Without this vital connection, opportunities for employment, education, and physical health are reduced.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress