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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for San Joaquin Valley Golden Mussel Watercraft Inspection Program in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office located at 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars as the funding would be used for the screening of recreational watercraft that are widely recognized as one of the primary vectors for transporting invasive mussels between water bodies, as adult mussels or microscopic larvae that can attach to boats. These mussels can cause significant damage to a reliable water supply and critical infrastructure throughout California's 21st Congressional District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in P.L. 98-381 Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Control Act; and P.L. 104-332, National Invasive Species Act.

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 "Jim Costa".

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress