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May 8, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coastal Ocean Pathogen Pollution Forecast Model in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Regents of the University of California – Scripps Institute of Oceanography, located at 9500 Gilman Drive #0210, La Jolla, CA 92093-0210. The funding would be used for the development, deployment, and maintenance of real-time monitoring stations of oceanographic conditions within the Tijuana estuary. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help better manage beach contamination events, which in turn will minimize public health risks and economic damage.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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 "Scott H. Peters".

Member of Congress