



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Dukes Valley Piping Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the East Fork Irrigation District, located at 3500 Graves Road, Hood River, OR 97031.

The funding would be used to modernize irrigation infrastructure in East Fork Irrigation District to reduce nonpoint source pollutants by converting approximately 2.7 miles of the five-mile long Dukes Valley Canal from an open, earthen system to a buried, pressurized pipeline.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer because piping the canal would also eliminate end spills that currently discharge warm water, glacial silt, and potentially pesticides and other contaminants into natural drainages and streams. By reducing these inputs, the project would address sediment and temperature-related water quality impairments.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maxine Dexter".

Maxine Dexter, MD
Member of Congress