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March 23, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Moses Lake Reduction of Harmful Algal Bloom in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District, located at 932 E Wheeler Rd. NE P.O. Box 98, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

This project will rehabilitate Moses Lake is a 6,800-acre lake located in central Washington. This lake has experienced poor water quality dating back to the 1960s. In recent years, as documented by various studies and the news media, Moses Lake has suffered from harmful algal blooms (HABs).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, because rehabilitating the lake from these blooms, which further degrade water quality, toxins that are a risk to humans and wildlife, and have negative impacts on recreation, property values, and the local economy.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Conservation Operations int the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1935 (P.L. 74-46; 16 U.S.C. 590a-590f) and the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA) {16 U.S.C. 2001-2009). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress