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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 Nevada Heat Mitigation Strategies in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Desert Research Institute (DRI), located at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

The funding will be used to assess the efficacy of various strategies in mitigating heat impacts in Las Vegas and other parts of Nevada by using NASA's Earth observation suite and conducting evaluation of different heat mitigation strategies. DRI will use a data-driven approach to map high-intensity heat zones and integrate satellite-derived surface measurements with urban scale models to provide actionable cooling solutions for Las Vegas.

The project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because DRI will be able to evaluate more focused or localized implementation of the adaptation and mitigation strategies in Las Vegas, including the usage and efficacy of cooling centers in Las Vegas and surrounding areas.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Dina Titus  
Member of Congress