April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the “San Diego County Twin-Engine Firefighting Helicopter,” in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of San Diego, located at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

The funding would be used to help the County government combat wildfires that have been devastating for our region and our state. San Diego County has experienced several catastrophic wildfires over the past two decades. At the time, the 2003 Cedar Fire was the largest and most destructive wildfire in the history of California. The 2007 wildfires led to the unprecedented evacuation of over 500,000 people. Multiple devastating fires have occurred since then. Although significant investments have been made to better protect lives and property, the County is still utilizing outdated single engine helicopters for aerial fire protection.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Sara Jacobs
Member of Congress