

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Serve Colorado Strontia Springs Wildfire Mitigation and Water Protection Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Serve Colorado, located at 1375 Sherman St, Denver, CO 80261.

Funding will support on-the-ground forest health and fuels reduction activities in priority treatment areas. Specific activities include hazardous fuels reduction, post-fire hazard risk reduction, treatment and removal, workforce deployment costs, crew supervision, safety and protective equipment, and project management necessary to accelerate implementation. This project addresses urgent community needs related to wildfire risk reduction, source water protection, public safety, and long-term economic stability in Jefferson County and downstream communities that rely on the Strontia Springs Reservoir. The watershed sits within a high-risk wildland-urban interface area, and a high-severity wildfire would threaten drinking water quality for more than 2 million Coloradans, increase sedimentation and water treatment costs, damage infrastructure, and create significant public health and economic impacts across the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress