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

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority located at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens at 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90076.

The funding will support the construction of a critical wildlife crossing in Agoura Hills. Today, many species of animals are threatened by fast-moving highway traffic all over Southern California. To solve this, Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, located in Agoura Hills, California within the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, will span ten lanes of pavement across the U.S. 101 Freeway, along with covering an adjacent road. This visionary structure will preserve biodiversity across the region by re-connecting an integral wildlife corridor, and most critically, help save a threatened local population of mountain lions from extinction. When complete, the crossing will be the largest in the world, the first of its kind in California, and will serve as a global model for urban wildlife conservation. The project also supports both the state of California, and the Federal government's "30 by 30" conservation initiatives.

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

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress