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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Anguilla Landfill Specialty Equipment** project in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 6196 Estate Glynn, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI 00850. The anticipated location of the project is Anguilla Landfill, Estate Glynn, St. Croix, VI 00850.

The requested funding of \$1,100,000 would be used by the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) to purchase a landfill wheel compactor for the Anguilla Landfill on St. Croix. VIWMA is the sole provider of solid waste management for the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Anguilla Landfill accepts approximately 42,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually and currently lacks the dedicated compaction equipment required for efficient, safe, and environmentally compliant operations. The facility operates under a federal consent decree and has experienced multiple fires in recent years, including a three-day fire in April 2025 requiring over 10,000 gallons of water to extinguish, additional closures in early 2026, and an active fire on March 6, 2026, that produced smoke drifting toward the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport. A landfill wheel compactor will densify waste to eliminate the oxygen pockets that fuel these fires, preserve limited landfill airspace, enable federally mandated daily cover practices, and extend the operational lifespan of the facility. As the U.S. Virgin Islands are geographically separated by water, dedicated equipment is required at each facility. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly protect public health, reduce emergency response costs, and support the Territory's compliance with federal environmental requirements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress