



CITY OF CORONADO

February 13, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY 26 Appropriations and Cross-border Sewage

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Coronado, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your leadership and support for Congressional action on multiple issues of concern to the City. As you know, cross-border sewage flows have been one of the primary challenges facing the City for the past decade. Your diligent work on this issue has been extremely helpful in obtaining federal resources for and attention to the problem.

The recently passed FY 26 appropriations bills included funding for multiple programs that will help address this issue, including: \$78 million dollars in construction funds for the International Boundary Water Commission ("IBWC"); authorization for the IBWC to receive funds from other agencies and non-governmental organizations; \$35 million in funds for the Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) which provides funding for clean water projects along the entire southern border; and more than \$1 million in funding for flood and stormwater management projects within the City of Coronado.

This was an extraordinary allocation of federal resources to protect our residents, our economy and our military. The City of Coronado appreciates your efforts and values its partnership with your office. We look forward to continuing our collaboration on these important issues. Thank you for your continued dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

John Duncan
Mayor

cc: City Council