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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Alberta Avenue Storm and Domestic Water Improvements project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso located at 4815 Alameda Ave., El Paso, TX 79905. The funding would be used to replace existing underground stormwater and domestic water systems that run underneath Alberta Avenue.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the hospital district to repair and replace existing water infrastructure directly beneath this facility, some of which has already collapsed in some areas. Major floods have occurred in this area before and if they were to happen again, they could compromise delivery of care as well as jeopardize access to emergency power, medical air, medical vacuums, and the sterile processing department. Addressing this project now will prepare this facility for any future weather events.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,


Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress