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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Celeste Water Resiliency and Pressure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Anthony, located at 401 Wildcat DR. Anthony, Texas. 79821.

The funding would be used to replace its 70-year-old Celeste water standpipe and booster pump station with modern, compliant infrastructure to improve water pressure, ensure safe drinking water, and strengthen system reliability for residents and businesses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses serious infrastructure deficiencies that threaten water reliability, regulatory compliance, and public safety. The current standpipe is structurally compromised and beyond rehabilitation, creating ongoing risk of service disruption or catastrophic failure, while operating below acceptable pressure levels compromises both daily water delivery and fire protection capabilities—placing residents, businesses, and first responders at risk. Investing in full replacement, rather than temporary repairs, is fiscally responsible, as continued patchwork maintenance on a 70-year-old structure would drive escalating costs without resolving underlying structural and compliance issues. The proposed improvements will bring the system into full compliance with TCEQ standards, reduce long-term operational costs through energy-efficient pumps and updated controls, and prevent costly emergency repairs or system failures. Additionally, the inclusion of chlorination ensures consistent water quality and regulatory adherence, while backup power guarantees operational continuity during outages or natural disasters. Together, these upgrades enhance system resiliency, protect public health, and safeguard economic stability by ensuring dependable water service. Ultimately, modernizing this core infrastructure protects taxpayer investment by extending system lifespan, reducing liability exposure, and ensuring residents receive safe, reliable water service for decades to come.

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)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Member of Congress