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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the El Paso County Water Master Plan in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County, located at 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 301 El Paso, TX 79901.

The funding would be used for developing a comprehensive long-term water master plan to guide sustainable and equitable water infrastructure investments in the unincorporated areas of TX-16. The project will assess future water needs, evaluate infrastructure capability, and create a phased funding strategy to ensure long term water reliability for residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in a comprehensive, long-term water master plan is a cost-effective and responsible strategy that prevents fragmented, reactive, and duplicative infrastructure spending in TX-16's unincorporated communities. Through demand forecasting, system capacity analysis, and data-driven project prioritization, the Plan ensures that future investments are strategically targeted to areas of greatest need and long-term impact, reducing lifecycle costs, minimizing emergency repairs, and supporting more efficient capital planning. It also strengthens the County's ability to secure non-local funding by identifying diversified funding sources and aligning priority projects with state, federal, and binational grant opportunities, thereby reducing reliance on local tax dollars and maximizing investment. Proactive water planning will directly benefit underserved and rapidly growing communities by improving coordination with regional utilities, accelerating service expansion, and advancing long-term water security. By helping avoid costly emergency expansions, protecting public health, supporting economic development, and enhancing resilience to climate variability, the Plan advances County Strategic Goal 4.26, strengthens federal funding readiness, and positions El Paso County to responsibly manage future water infrastructure investments, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used efficiently, transparently, and for lasting community benefit.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c) (Section 603(c)).

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