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May 3, 2024

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 HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Alberta Avenue Storm and Sanitary Sewer/Domestic Water Improvements project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center (UMC) of El Paso, located at 4815 Alameda Ave., El Paso, Texas 79905. The funding would be used to replace the existing underground stormwater, sanitary sewer, and domestic water systems of UMC.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because ensuring the proper functioning of the sewer and sanitary system is essential for maintaining public health and safety standards within the hospital environment, in addition to prolonging the lifespan of essential assets and reducing future maintenance costs, while creating a system that is reliable and one that prevents the spread of harmful pathogens and contaminants, safeguarding both patients and healthcare workers from potential health risks.

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,

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

Member of Congress