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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Planning Study to Improve Land Border Crossing Transit and Pedestrian Connectivity to Business Districts in the El Paso Region for Equity, Accessibility and Economic Development in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, located at 1111 Rellis Pkwy, Bryan, Texas 77807.

The funding would be used for a planning study to improve land border crossing transit and pedestrian connectivity to business districts in the El Paso region. Land border crossings are a critical economic activity link for U.S. retail businesses and residents in their immediate surroundings and in the lower income neighborhoods they often connect to, as well as for businesses located elsewhere in the community. Additionally, the areas in the vicinity of land border crossings, along with their adjoining commercial/industrial areas and medical districts have often experienced years of disinvestment, rely on mass transit, and suffer of high traffic incident rates and poor air quality. This study will complement existing community efforts by identifying specific improvements needed to connect transit and pedestrian traffic between the land border crossings with the highest pedestrian traffic and the business, medical and residential districts in their surroundings as well as other major points of attraction throughout the El Paso region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress