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May 10, 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 Regional Food Production, Distribution and Workforce Development Center project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M AgriLife Research, located at 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, TX 79927. The funding would be used to acquire and upgrade a 24,556 square foot, large scale, food production, inspection, and distribution facility as a regional, full-scale Food Production, Distribution, and Workforce Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports businesses, provides resources to producers and distributors, addresses food insecurity and sustainability, and provides workforce development and training.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305 (a)(1) and (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