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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for 5th and 7th Streets Storm Sewer Drainage Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the city of Harlingen, Texas located at 118 East Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, Texas 78550. The funding would be used to replace 1.22 miles of 12 to 24-inch reinforced concrete pipes, manholes, and inlets, mostly along segments of 5th Street and 7th Street in Harlingen, Texas, to increase the conveyance capacity of Storm Sewer System #021.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce damage and destruction of residential and commercial property and infrastructure (both streets and drainage systems) from repetitive and more severe flooding in a core area of the City. The project will improve resiliency by replacing aging and inadequately sized infrastructure that will increase the conveyance capacity of the entire drainage system in low-income areas historically known for repetitive flooding.

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,



Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress