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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Conversion of Lateral 15 from Open Canal to a Pipeline project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2, located at 26041 FM 510, San Benito, Texas 78586.

The funding would be used to convert approximately 5,207 linear feet of unlined open canal segment of Lateral "15" to underground pipeline. This heavily used irrigation canal dates back to the early 1920s and experiences frequent spills and breaks. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help the irrigation district conserve water, reduce operating, fuel, and maintenance costs, and improve the reliability and timeliness of water deliveries to local agriculture producers.

This project has a Federal nexus as it is consistent with 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2). 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