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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 Combes Expressway Crossing Improvements Projects project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cameron County Drainage District No. 5, located at 221 E. Van Buren Avenue, Suite 4, Harlingen, Texas 78550.

The funding would be used to replace the existing drainage pipe with three culverts under the expressway to increase Cameron County Drainage District No. 5's capacity to carry and drain a larger volume of stormwater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will mitigate flood risk for the City of Combes, Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District, and homes and businesses in the surrounding area that continue to expend their limited resources to restore critical infrastructure following heavy rain events.

This project has a Federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) of the Community Development Fund statute. 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