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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 City of Mercedes Expansion of Storm Sewer System project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Mercedes, located at 400 South Ohio Avenue, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

The funding would be used for the installation of inlets, RCP storm sewer pipes, and roadway repairs to increase the capacity and reliability of Mercedes' stormwater system. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will enhance the existing stormwater system's capacity to detain and drain stormwater and reduce expected future economic damages and disruptions in the disadvantaged community of Mercedes.

This project has a federal nexus as it is for the same purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 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