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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lower Neches Valley Authority Devers 1st Pump Station Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to construct a replacement Devers 1st Lift Pump Station. The original Devers 1st Lift Pump Station was built more than 100 years ago. Maintaining the operations of the existing facilities remains problematic, as they have reached an age at which replacement parts are no longer available.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project provides water to a rice-producing agricultural community via an approximately 200-mile canal system, contributing 15,000± total rice acres annually to the regional crop market. It is anticipated that the pump station will also serve future industrial growth in the lower Trinity River Basin.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 5138 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (P.L. 110-114), specifically the Environmental Infrastructure Program. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress