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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Aggie Conservation Corps project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M AgriLife Research, located at 7887 U.S. Highway 87 North, San Angelo, Texas 76901. The funding would be used to deploy student-led field teams to work directly with landowners to conduct land-health monitoring, develop conservation and restoration plans, and provide practical reporting tools aligned with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service priorities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports proactive land stewardship, reduces long-term federal disaster and recovery costs related to drought and wildfire, strengthens agricultural productivity, and builds a skilled conservation workforce in rural communities while leveraging existing land-grant university infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1935, 16 U.S.C. §§ 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



August Pfluger  
Member of Congress