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March 18, 2026

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 Transforming Produced Water to Beneficial Uses in Agriculture and Industry 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 for research, demonstration infrastructure, and equipment to evaluate how treated produced water from oil and gas operations can be safely reused for agricultural production in water-limited regions such as West Texas. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help develop science-based solutions to address water scarcity, reduce environmental risks associated with produced water disposal, and create new opportunities for agricultural production and economic development in rural communities while supporting the nation's energy sector.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 272(b) and (c), which authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support scientific research, measurement science, and technological innovation

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

