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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 *UTPB Geologic Core Research Repository* project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Texas Permian Basin, located at 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762. The project site is located at N 1310 FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79707. The funding would be used for the construction of a geologic core repository and associated laboratory space to store, analyze, and provide access to geologic samples from the Permian Basin. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports workforce development, expands research capacity in critical energy and water resources, and strengthens regional economic development by improving access to scientific infrastructure in one of the nation's most important energy-producing regions.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under **42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2)**, which permits the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the construction of public facilities and improvements that support economic development, workforce training, and community benefit.

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

