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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2022 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee Appropriations Bill, I urge you to fund the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operation and management of the Red River Chloride Control Project (RRCCP), Area VIII, Texas, and the Estelline Springs Experimental Projects at a level of \$1.5 million.

Adequate funding for this program is essential because these projects ensure safe, drinkable water for my district. These two systems remove over 400 tons of salt from the Red River every day. USACE has managed and administered this project for over 34 years. This is critical to water quality for the City of Wichita Falls, Sheppard Air Force Base, agricultural irrigation, and the surrounding areas.

At a fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$1.5 million, the program will be able to continue removing salt to allow for potable and irrigable water for North Texas.

The USACE management of the RRCCP at Truscott Dam is critical to water quality and to increasing available water at Lake Kemp. Lake Kemp is the source of 100 percent of the water used for agricultural irrigation in the Wichita County Water Improvement District No.2. A significant number of chlorides, total dissolved solids, and other minerals are reduced by the USACE RRCCP. The City of Wichita Falls, Texas can then treat the Lake Kemp water with reduced chlorides more efficiently and with less costs. The City of Wichita falls has invested nearly \$50 million in water treatment facilities, which would be rendered obsolete should the RRCCP cease operations. The City invested in these treatment facilities to develop its water rights based on a reasonable assumption that the USACE would continue to operate and maintain the Chloride Control facilities.

I urge you to support this funding level for the USACE RRCCP program. Thank you for consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress