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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Charwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Cross Bar Access Road Construction. Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, 13th Congressional District in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Friends of Cross Bar SRMA Inc. located at 207 Quail Ridge Road, Amarillo, Texas 79118. The funding would be used to enhance access, with priority on building a road that will provide direct public access to a currently untapped recreational area: BLM-managed Cross Bar SRMA. The only way the public can currently access the Cross Bar for recreation is by crossing private land or traversing potentially dangerous conditions along the south bank of the Canadian River. Opening the Cross Bar will increase outdoor recreation opportunities for Texas Panhandle residents and increase tourism to the region with its easy location off U.S. Highway 287. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because taxpayers own Cross Bar SRMA through the BLM, but they cannot access the land safely. In 2019, Texas A&M University conducted a socioeconomic impact analysis indicating the Cross Bar SRMA, once opened, would yield \$13 million worth of positive economic impact annually to the local economy. Additionally, this outdoor recreational addition to the Amarillo area will help with the city's goal of becoming a destination location.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,


Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress