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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the West Texas A&M University Mobile Desalination Unit Project Canyon, TX in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is West Texas A&M University, located at 2501 4th Avenue, Canyon, Texas 79016. The funding would be used for the development of mobile desalination units and hydrological testing instrumentation to initiate research and development for accessing and using the brackish water found in the Dockum/Santa Rosa aquifer. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help develop and deploy cost-effective, scalable desalination units to sustain the Texas Panhandle's agricultural economy. The Ogallala Aquifer has been used for over a century for the irrigation of crops, water for livestock, and personal consumption by the rural communities in the area, but accelerated depletion and a lack of effective recharge zones may limit the continued prosperity of these communities. Desalination technology offers a promising pathway to augment existing water supplies by converting brackish or otherwise non-potable water into usable water sources for farming and livestock.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized under the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ronny Jackson

Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress

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