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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Water Innovation and Sustainability Hub (WISH) project in Fiscal Year 27. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Texas at San Antonio located at 1 UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249. The proposed project is located at 1 UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249.

The funding would be used to advance Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR) technology through research, development, and standardization to address water scarcity challenges in arid regions, with applications for national water security.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it aligns with national priorities of water security, energy independence, and environmental sustainability.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes as described by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress