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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

I am requesting funding for the San Jacinto River Authority Siphon 21 Improvements Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX 77550.

The funding would be used to reduce flood risk in the Highlands area of my district. This area has experienced widespread flooding from multiple recent storm events, including Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019. Over just the past few days, my district has suffered from another massive rain event, with the potential for hundreds of houses and businesses to be flooded. This project seeks to improve a siphon and canal system used to transport untreated water for municipal, industrial and irrigation users. This system is part of a critical drainage system in an area prone to flooding.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by preventing flooding, it will avoid the need for more costly recovery efforts after storm events. An abundance of research has conclusively shown that properly funding flood mitigation alleviates the need for future post-flood recovery efforts, and thus is a sound investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes covered under the Texas Environmental Infrastructure (EI) authorities, authorized by Section 5138 of WRDA 2007 (PL 110-114) as amended by Section 8376(b)(11) of WRDA 2022 (PL 117-263).

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

Sincerely,



Dan Crenshaw  
Member of Congress