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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Walnut Lane Bridge Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Houston, located at City of Houston 901 Bagby Houston, TX 77002.

The funding would be used to reduce flood risk in the Kingwood 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. This project seeks to intercept storm water from Montgomery County and route to Lake Houston to reduce flood damage to residents of Kingwood along Bens Branch. The current bridge configuration restricts flood flows and poses a risk to the safety of the community.

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 authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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