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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307 United States Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-307 United States Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Tributary C116-00-00 Conveyance and Drainage Improvements project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Harris County Flood Control District headquartered at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77092.

The funding would be used to increase the capacity of the existing enclosed trunkline storm sewer system with a parallel trunkline storm sewer that will outfall into Sims Bayou. The project was recommended by the Sims Bayou C116 Storm Sewer Analysis feasibility study in 2022 and may entail easement/right-of-way acquisition, encroachment clearance, and some rehabilitation of the existing trunkline storm sewer. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the risk of flooding to C116-00-00 sub-watershed communities. These benefits include, but are not limited to, the 100-yearr floodplain being removed for up to 42 structures and 0.74-miles of flooded roadways. This project will also provide enough capacity for future work to be completed by the City of Houston to upgrade its storm sewers and inlets, which will provide additional benefits.

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. Should you require additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Scott Bell, by email at <a href="mailto:Scott.Bell@mail.house.gov">Scott.Bell@mail.house.gov</a> or phone at (202) 225-7508.

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