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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for P118-08-00 Conveyance and Detention Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harris County Flood Control District, located at 9900 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77092

The funding would be used for constructing approximately 6,500 feet of channel conveyance improvements along Halls Bayou Tributary P118-08-00 and constructed associated detention. Conveyance improvements will include channel widening and culvert/outfall replacements. Channel conveyance improvements will be mitigated by the Wayside and Tidwell Stormwater Detention Basins, which will be built prior to the channel conveyance improvements. The ultimate project will remove the pre-Atlas 14 100-year floodplain from 180 homes and the 500-year floodplain from 245 homes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because when implemented, P118-08-00 Conveyance and Detention Improvement will provide permanent flood risk reduction benefits. This watershed has significant volume of repetitive losses. In a pre-Atlas 500-year storm event, the northeast section of the community would experience 2-3 feet of water within their homes. The ultimate project will improve the hydraulic performance of existing conditions by containing the 1 percent (100-year) event within channel banks and reducing the number of structures impacted by the 500-year event by 245. The ultimate project will remove the pre-Atlas 14 100-year floodplain from 180 homes and the 500-year floodplain from 245 homes. The construction of the Wayside and Tidwell stormwater detention basins will provide immediate benefits by reducing the flooding inundation area and water surface elevations during high intensity rain events. The construction of the Tributary P118-08-00 conveyance improvements and associated detention will provide immediate benefits by reducing the flooding inundation area and water surface elevations during high intensity rain events, with the ultimate goal of providing a system capacity for a 500 —year pre-Atlas rainfall event.

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, Member of Congress

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