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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
Chair
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Fleischmann, and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I am respectfully requesting that you provide a FY24 funding level of \$1,500,000 for a Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Flood Risk Management Improvements Feasibility Study. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of League City, located at 300 West Walker Street, League City, Texas 77573.

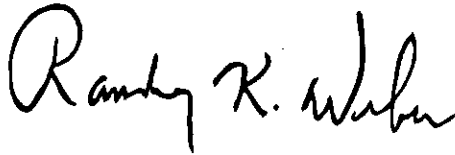
The funding would be used for a feasibility study to further evaluate flood mitigation projects in the Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds. Feasibility will be used to determine if future federal funding is available for construction.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. In the Lower Clear Creek portion of the system, riverine flooding impacts of more than 2,500 structures at an estimated cost of over \$685 million that were identified during a 100-year storm event. In the Dickinson Bayou portion of the system, riverine flooding impacts nearly 9,000 structures at an estimated cost of over \$900 million during a 100-year storm event. The watershed study, and past events, also identified significant impacts to transportation networks in the area due to flooding. Most concerning from a humanitarian perspective are impacts to Interstate Highway 45 (I-45) between Galveston and Houston. I-45 serves as the primary thoroughfare between Galveston Island, Galveston County, and other mainland safe havens and for emergency response support during a major hurricane. If I-45 is flooded, the only significant access to Galveston County is from other low lying Gulf Coast areas, which are also likely to be affected.

The federal nexus for this project is for purposes authorized by Section 8201(a)87 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2022, Public Law 117-263.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy K. Weber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative