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MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FOURTEENTH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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, DC.. 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Simpson, and Ranking Member Pingree:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 Interior and Environment appropriations bill, I am respectfully requesting \$2,880,000 for the rehabilitation of a retention pond at the City of Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Beaumont, Texas, Post Office Box 3827 Beaumont, Texas 77704.

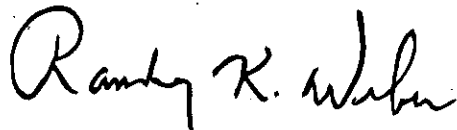
The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of one of the two retention ponds at the City of Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant. Work involves the removal of accumulated solids, re-grading the pond bottom, and installing new aeration equipment. Pond Two was designed to have fourteen floating aerators; however, there is approximately seven feet of sludge that is currently reducing capacity in Pond Two. Pond Two had an original capacity of 35 million gallons and is part of the treatment process prior to chlorination. It also acts as an overflow for Pond One, which serves as a flow equalization basin during high flow events.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is important to helping the city meet federal water quality mandates and also serves to increase resiliency from future weather events.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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, prominent initial "R".

RANDY K. WEBER
United States Representative