The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the BPUB Water Treatment Plant No 1 Raw Water Pump Station Improvements in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Brownsville Public Utility Board located at 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

The BPUB Water Treatment Plant No. 1 which was built in the 1930’s has two raw water pump stations used to withdraw raw water from the lower Rio Grande River for potable water treatment. This station pumps raw water into the entrance of the plant and into the raw water reservoirs. The scope of the project includes the removal and installation of three (3) original vertical turbine pumps along with all piping, valves, controls, monitoring systems, and appurtenances. This project will also include the installation of motor operated valves with variable frequency drives to maximize efficiency and allow for improved throttling of water flow. Project will include all wiring, circuit breakers and controls along with upgrades to high efficiency LED lighting. Backup generation will be installed to enhance reliability. These proposed improvements will allow plant staff to control the required raw water flow into the plant to better meet the BPUB distribution system demands of approximately 200,000 people.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress