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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations,
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Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0001

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
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Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Please provide a funding level of \$1,000,000 for the **Lake Waco Embankment Study** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the City of Waco, 600 Austin Ave. Waco, TX 76710. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the results of this Lake Waco Embankment Study would help to forestall any extensive property damage for both the city and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as preventing a detour or loss of a major regional thoroughfare as well as water quality concerns and decreased access to Lake Waco. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
2. Please provide funding at the President's fiscal year 2023 budget request level for the Lake Whitney Reallocation Study. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the results of this reallocation feasibility study would be used to achieve the Brazos River Authority's ultimate goal of making more water supply available to meet future demands for water in the Brazos River Basin.
3. Please support the President's FY23 budget request of \$739,000,000 for Department of Energy/Office of Science/Nuclear Physics programs in your fiscal year 2023 bill. The fundamental research supported by the Office of Science's Nuclear Physics program at the Department of Energy is critical for understanding the building blocks of energy that can be used down the line for a variety of national security and commercial applications. However, the research is so early-stage that it is not supported by industry or late-stage end users. Providing for this early-stage research is therefore a good use of federal taxpayer dollars. The Department of Energy's Nuclear Physics program funds essential research at Texas A&M and other Texas universities. The Texas A&M Cyclotron Institute at Texas A&M University funded by these request dollars is a Department of Energy University Facility and is jointly supported by Department of Energy and the State of Texas. It is a major technical and educational resource for the state and the nation.

4. Please include the following report language in your fiscal year 2023 bill for the Fuel Cycle Research & Development program in the Nuclear Energy Account at the Idaho National Laboratory: "Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability. Within available funds, the recommendation provides not less than \$3,500,000 for testing and qualification of a next-generation thorium/HALEU-based fuel suitable for existing and new reactors."

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress