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The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
and Housing and Urban Development,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0001

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

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 \$1,760,000 for the **Speegleville Road Bridge at Middle Bosque River** project as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the City of Waco, located at 300 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas 76702. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the existing Speegleville Road Bridge at Middle Bosque River is currently classified as functionally obsolete, and as a result it does not adequately or safely serve the traveling public. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
2. Please provide a funding level of \$3,700,000 for the **Yards of Cameron** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the Cameron Future Foundation, located at 108 E 2nd Street, Cameron, Texas 76520-3347. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would be used to build a 42-acre multi-field sports complex located in the City of Cameron that will encourage additional economic development in Milam County, diversifying the 17th Congressional District's economic base and promoting economic resiliency. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
3. Please provide a funding level of \$3,300,000 for the **Capital Metro North Austin ADA Paratransit Base** project as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, located at 2910 E. 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78702. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the current fleet at the North Austin ADA Paratransit base is not equipped to fully address the needs of all people with disabilities, as only a portion of the fleet is wheelchair accessible, and additional wheelchair-accessible vehicles for service in Capital Metro's North Austin ADA Paratransit base will improve the performance, quality,

comfort, and accessibility of service for those with disabilities. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

4. Please provide a funding level of \$3,000,000 for the **Doris Miller STEM Center Development** project as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the City of Waco, located at 300 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas 76702. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will increase access to STEM focused field-based learning experiences to Waco-area students, many of whom are underserved and lack sufficient Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) opportunities that can lead to intellectual enrichment, better-paying jobs, future stability, career advancement, and the attraction of enterprises to the 17th Congressional District of Texas that are looking for a pool of potential employees from which to build a STEM-educated workforce. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

5. Please provide a funding level of \$865,000 for the **Connecting Communities Through Bus Stop Infrastructure** project as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the Brazos Transit District located at 2117 Nuches Lane in Bryan, Texas 77803. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because modernization of this transit system through the addition of shelters and designated stops is a low-cost and highly visible way to improve the infrastructure for ADA accessibility on the roadways in the cities of College Station, Bryan, Lufkin and Nacogdoches. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Pete Sessions
Member of Congress