May 6, 2021

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

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of $2,000,000 for Baylor University's Resilient Communications Infrastructure Technology Pilot Study as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Baylor University located at 1311 S. 5th St., Waco, TX 76706. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Texas and the 17th Congressional District has been affected by several wide-spread natural disasters in the past several years. Traditional communication infrastructure in Texas, despite some resilience built-in, is still susceptible to failure during emergencies. The pilot study being proposed would address this susceptibility to failure by allowing communications capabilities for EMS, Police, Fire, FEMA, etc. during the absolute worst of conditions (including complete isolation from backhaul infrastructure).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project described above.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions (TX-17)
Member of Congress