



# The Senate of Texas

César J. Blanco  
Texas Senator  
District 29

April 19, 2022

The Honorable Veronica Escobar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1505 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

***Re: Town of Anthony, Texas Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Funding Application for Arsenic Treatment Plant and associated raw and treated water pipelines project.***

Dear Congresswoman Escobar:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Town of Anthony's application to the FY 2023 Community Project Funding opportunity via the annual appropriations process to construct an Arsenic Treatment Plant and associated raw and treated water pipelines project.

The Town of Anthony (Town) is a rapidly growing community that is the first and last city encountered in Far West Texas, with over 5,300 residents and approximately 50,000 individuals commuting through the Town each day. Although the Town has made great strides to improve community facilities and services, much opportunity remains to keep up with the anticipated community growth and health, safety, and tourism needs. Currently, the Town relies on groundwater with elevated arsenic levels, which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) identified as exceeding Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The installation of an arsenic treatment system and replacing existing water lines are critical to ensuring that Town residents have access to safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater systems.

The State of Texas has committed over \$6.5 million of financial support throughout the last three decades to the Town of Anthony for various water and wastewater projects to upgrade equipment and infrastructure, rehabilitate and/or replace existing water lines, and expand the Town's systems to meet the growing community demands. I applaud the Town's efforts to secure additional federal backing for these efforts through a State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) to support the construction of this Arsenic Treatment facility, which will help ensure the project's completion and sustainability for years to come.

Your thoughtful consideration of this vital community project is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to contact me at (915) 595-5955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "César J. Blanco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "César" being the most prominent part.

César J. Blanco  
Texas State Senator  
District 29

CC: The Honorable Benjamin Romero  
Mayor, Town of Anthony

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