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The Honorable Veronica Escobar 16th District of Texas 1505 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: FY 2024 Congressional Community Project Funding Requests

Dear Congresswoman Escobar,

The purpose of this letter is to indicate our support for the Town of Anthony's proposed Community Project Funding request through the State and Tribal Assistance Grant for the construction of a new arsenic plant. The reason for the request is to address increased population as well as to address violations assessed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for contaminate levels of arsenic. Additionally, due to their proximity with New Mexico, additional wells that are being drilled on that side of the state are causing the quality of Anthony's water to go down.

The Town of Anthony is in a prime location off Interstate 10 and borders New Mexico. The increased growth in population and housing, while welcomed in many respects, has caused additional strain to Anthony both in human and capital resources. Funding availability such as the Community Project Funding program allows communities such as Anthony to make a significant impact in their community. We hope that you consider their request.

Best Regards,

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