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Chair Rosa L. DeLauro  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for The Resilience Lab in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Water Institute of the Gulf, located at 1110 River Road, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802. The funding will be used to for the Resilience Lab, an initiative which will focus on resilience in the urban core of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a mid-sized metropolitan area that experienced record flooding in 2016 and remains subject to weather-related risks. Recognizing the impact of evolving natural conditions on urban communities, the Institute seeks to collaborate with the City of Baton Rouge and the Center for Planning Excellence to prepare for future extreme events and adapt to chronic stresses by best management practices, education and training among public sector leadership. The Resilience Lab likewise seeks to identify improvements to existing infrastructure and propose innovations for new infrastructure to help keep Baton Rouge neighborhoods viable and vibrant.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves  
Member of Congress