

Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Nebraska Irrigation Districts Infrastructure Improvement Projects in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bureau of Reclamation located at 1706 West Third Street, McCook, NE 69001. The funding would cost share a series of 17 infrastructure enhancement projects across 11 Irrigation Districts and one Canal Company in Nebraska's Third Congressional District, serving a total of 245,920.4 permitted acres. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because proposed improvements to irrigation infrastructure would fortify existing systems to ensure sustainable water management and enhance agricultural productivity. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 43 U.S.C. Chapter 12, Subchapter XI-B, §510b (a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Adrian Smith
Member of Congress