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The Honorable Michael Simpson
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior and Environment
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior and Environment
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree,

I am requesting \$2,400,00 for the construction of a new Two Million Gallon Water Storage Tank for the City of Tolleson, in fiscal year 2024.

Located at site four, the City of Tolleson's water system needs a two-million-gallon storage tank to ensure the reliable delivery of safe drinking water to their service population. The existing one-million-gallon storage tank at site four as well as the other (3) one-million-gallon Tolleson water storage tanks were evaluated in 2016 by HDR Engineering. An executive summary report was provided to Tolleson, which detailed the necessary and recommended repairs at that time. Due to budget constraints and not having enough water storage redundancy to meet peak water demands and fire protection storage demands, the storage tanks were not repaired or replaced.

In 2022, Tolleson directed Kimley-Horn Engineering to once again reevaluate Tolleson's tanks. Kimley-Horn Engineering's recommendation in 2022 is that it would be more cost effective to construct new water storage tanks rather than repair the existing tanks.

The total cost of this project is \$3,000,000 for design and construction of a tank and associated connections. The request for federal assistance is \$2,400,000. Tolleson is able to provide a 20% match. The project will be ready to start in the fourth quarter of 2023 with an estimated completion date by the fourth quarter of 2025.

The project has demonstrated community support including the Maricopa Association of Governments and the Tolleson Elementary School District No. 17. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Tolleson is a community of limited means yet has already invested millions in its water system to efficiently maintain the utmost water quality for residents and manufacturers. Also based on the engineering reports, not only is this a high priority project but it would be more cost effective for taxpayers to construct new water storage tanks.

This new tank would replace the current one million storage tank at site four as well helping achieve the necessary peak water demands. Federal funding will help enhance Tolleson's water resources to provide the community with safe reliable drinking water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raúl M. Grijalva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress