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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Marginal Norte Avenue Stormwater Management Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipality of Bayamón, located at P.O. Box 1588, Bayamón, Puerto Rico 00960.

The funding would be used for construction of a box culvert and an open channel along Marginal Norte Avenue in Bayamón, Puerto Rico to address deficiencies in the stormwater management system—mainly, the lack of capacity for the volume of runoff water that flows through the road after excessive rainfall and contributes to flooding in the area, impacting nearby residential apartment buildings and an adjacent rapid transit rail line—and safely divert stormwater towards designated drainage outlets. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help minimize the public health and safety risks associated with unmanaged stormwater. These include exposure to waterborne diseases, the discharge of pollutants and contaminants to rivers and other nearby bodies of water, and flooding, which can lead to significant economic losses and cause extensive damage to private and public property.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jenniffer González-Colón
Member of Congress