



May 2, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,258,710 in funding for the **Integrated Turfgrass Water Conservation Initiative for Texas** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M AgriLife Research, located at 600 John Kimbrough Blvd, Suite 512, 2142 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843. The funding would be used for equipment, personnel, laboratory analysis, research, and other purposes. By improving turfgrass performance under water-limited conditions, this project contributes to the creation of resilient, water-efficient landscapes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by developing turfgrass varieties and sustainable management practices that require less water, fewer chemicals, and lower maintenance, this project will help reduce resource consumption and lower costs for cities, municipalities, water districts, and schools, contributing to more sustainable, long-term resource management.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie E. Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie E. Johnson
Member of Congress