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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 \$2,000,000 in funding for the **University of Texas at Dallas Center for Critical Elements from Produced Waters** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Texas at Dallas located at 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080. The funding would be used to evaluate Texas petroleum wastewaters for lithium concentrations, support staff efforts, and facilitate geochemical analyses and resource estimates of Texas produced waters for policymakers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the results of this community project will aid in the development of domestic critical minerals production, draw businesses and new startups to Texas, generate new revenue streams for existing state oil and gas companies, and ultimately create new jobs for Texas residents in the critical minerals industry.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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 long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie E. Johnson  
Member of Congress