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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Notabene Drive, Four Mile Rd., and Old Dominion Blvd. Flood Mitigation Project, Arlandria in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Alexandria, located at 301 King Street, Suite 3500, Alexandria, VA 22310.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because in Communities across the Commonwealth are facing more frequent severe flooding events. In Alexandria, these events impact our City far beyond our well-known Potomac River waterfront area and our residents and business owners are looking to us to do everything we possibly can to deal with the recurring flooding that's impacting our community. We are currently working to implement short-range and long-term flood mitigation measures to reduce and resolve the impacts of this recurrent flooding in our community.

As part of the City's comprehensive Flood Mitigation Action Plan, the City is working to fund and implement "spot improvements" in particularly impacted areas of our community. These spot improvements are new storm sewer projects such as detention, pipes and other drainage improvements that make neighborhoods more resilient to climate change and flash flooding. Projects are typically \$50,000 to \$1 million each (depending on project location and scope) and can be delivered in 8-20 months.

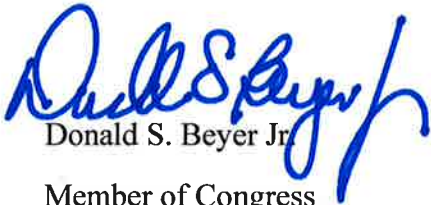
The City plans to spend a total of \$5.9 million in FY 2023 to deliver six projects. An additional \$1.12 million would support construction of one of these shovel-ready projects.

Storm sewer systems in this neighborhood in Arlandria were designed and installed, in some cases, more than a century ago and as such do not account for changes in climate now effecting the local weather patterns which form extreme rainfall events precipitating flash flooding on an alarmingly frequent basis. The project proposes to install about 660 linear feet 42-inch pipe to replace the existing 24-inch pipe to provide additional capacity to the storm sewer drain excess water runoff and prevent water from inundating adjacent private properties.

The benefits of this project include increased health and safety, economic and structural resiliency against extreme rain events flooding homes in this area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald S. Beyer Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress