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The Honorable David L. Hobson
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Hobson:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for following projects in the FY2007 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

1. **The Alliance for NanoHealth** in Houston, Texas: \$2.5 million for a shared electron microscopy equipment (high-resolution CCD camera, cryo-specimen holder, freezing apparatus), for training, and upgrades for shared equipment purchases. *The Alliance for NanoHealth is my highest priority appropriations request.*
2. **Brays Bayou**: \$40.8 million to continue critical detention excavation and channel construction along Brays Bayou in an expedited manner. In the next few months, the Harris County Flood Control District is expected to complete a Project Cooperation Agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers. The following report language would be beneficial for this critical project, which has been reviewed by the staff of the Water Resources Subcommittee: "funds appropriated for the Brays Bayou Project—Houston, Texas are reimbursement for completion of discrete components of the downstream elements and continued reimbursement of completed discrete components of the upstream element."
3. **White Oak Bayou**: \$100,000 to continue the feasibility study for flood mitigation of White Oak Bayou.
4. **Buffalo Bayou**: \$100,000 to continue a general reevaluation study to obtain Corps endorsement of a recommended project for flood control along the Buffalo Bayou.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Culberson".

John Culberson
Member of Congress

*Thank you
Mr. Chairman!*