

U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (TX-17)

Dear Chairman Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Please support the Presidents FY23 Budget Request of \$50,400,000 for the National Science Foundation / Geosciences Directorate / International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP), and please support the following report language for the program: "The Committee supports continued funding for the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) at no less than \$50,400,000." This report language and funding level request and is necessary to continue providing the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program's revolutionary views of Earth's history and global processes through ocean basin exploration. While Texas A&M University proudly manages this critical program for National Science Foundation, researchers from universities all over the nation use the lab to conduct experiments. Given that this is an important, and one-of-a-kind, program that Texas A&M University manages for the nation, I once again respectfully ask for your continued support for the program in FY23 at an overall program level of \$50,400,000.

2. Please support the following report language and fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) Account program: "The Committee provides no less than \$6,650,000 for the Regional Climate Centers program." This funding level and report language are necessary to allow the Centers to address the increased requests for services and a growing demand for new products and services to address region specific issues in the 17th Congressional District of Texas, including water resources, agriculture, wildfires, and resiliency of critical infrastructure due to long-term drought, coastal storms, floods, wildfires and other extreme events.

3. Please provide a funding level of \$15,000,000 for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Account in your fiscal year 2023 bill, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the President's fiscal year 2023 budget request. This additional funding is necessary to provide court-appointed advocacy for abused and neglected children that will improve outcomes for child victims and set them on the path to thrive as part of the community. Child victims in Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Freestone, Lee, Leon, Limestone, McLennan, and Travis counties, throughout Texas and the nation will benefit from high-quality court-appointed advocacy and the presence of caring, consistent adults to ensure their needs are met.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress