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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

7/8/2024

President-Elect Claudia Sheinbaum
Embassy of Mexico to the United States of America
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC
20006

Dear President-Elect Sheinbaum,

Mexico remains one the United States' closest partners and we have long enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship that has resulted in economic development and prosperity. Due to this, as good neighbors, we must help each other in times of need. That time is now. I urge your incoming administration to fulfill Mexico's obligations under the 1944 Water Treaty to provide our farmers with much-needed water deliveries.

As you are aware, under the 1944 Water Treaty, Mexico pledged to supply the United States with an average of 350,000 acre feet of water annually over a five year cycle. Unfortunately, there have been consistent delays in meeting these obligations which is causing agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley to suffer. As a direct result of the undelivered water, the last operating sugar mill in Texas was forced to close resulting in the loss of 500 jobs and enormous economic loss.

The ongoing water scarcity in South Texas represents a true crisis for both communities and farmers in my district. I strongly urge Mexico to make immediate releases of water to the United States as owed under the 1944 Water Treaty.

Given the dire need for water relief in South Texas, I respectfully request a meeting with you so that we may best work together to resolve this long standing issue. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Monica De La Cruz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Monica De La Cruz
Member of Congress
15th District of Texas