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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Request for Comments on the Operation of the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada, docket number USTR-2025-0004

Dear Ambassador Greer:

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Managers' Association (Association) humbly submits the following public comments on behalf of approximately 76% of the total irrigation water rights issued in the Amistad/Falcon Reservoir System. Often times our members are also the sole source of raw water for this region's municipal users, including cities and water supply corporations.

With the continued lack of deliveries from Mexico through the six named Treaty Tributaries stipulated in the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande (1944 Water Treaty), U.S. agriculture producers are faced with a water supply shortage which leads to economic uncertainty. The lack of annual deliveries by Mexico also has the potential for a cumulative effect on our deliveries to our municipal users.

We offer the following comments/strategies to assist your efforts within the USMCA framework to ensure the U.S. receives the minimum 350,000 acre-feet annual delivery it is entitled to under the terms of the Treaty:

- Annual deficit deliveries immediately convert to permanent U.S. conservation capacity in the Amistad and Falcon International Reservoirs.
- Substantial financial penalty payable to Rio Grande water right holders, on a price per acre-foot basis for any deficit in minimum annual deliveries.
- Annual deficit deliveries immediately result in a proportionate reduction in trade with Mexico until the minimum annual deliveries and any arrears is met.

We hope and pray these comments are considered to ensure the United States of America, Texas, and our region continue to be a reliable source of water for generations to come by ensuring we receive the water we are entitled to. We thank you for proactive engagement during the joint review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Antonio Uresti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Dr. Antonio Uresti
President