April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Craig Energy Center Feasibility Study in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Tri-State Generation and Transmission located at 1100 West 116th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80234.

The project would support disadvantaged coal communities within Colorado and will evaluate the repurposing of the current coal-burning Craig Power Plant into the Craig Energy Center. As we continue to combat climate change and accelerate the transition to clean energy sources across the country, we need to create new jobs for coal communities with displaced workers from power plant closures. This project will support a feasibility study to create a test and demonstration center for green technologies and low-emission sources, which includes the creation of a roadmap for a coal to clean energy R&D center. The project will show how to successfully demonstrate large-scale clean energy technologies at Craig and could support other communities undergoing coal to clean energy transitions across the state. The Craig Energy Center could strengthen economies within rural disadvantaged communities, benefit rural energy customers who will have access to cleaner power, and play a role in reducing carbon emissions within the state of Colorado and beyond.

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

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress