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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Laurel Water Line Extension Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Laurel, located at 121 East Pearl Street, Laurel, IN 47024.

The funding would be used for Phase 1 construction of a water system backbone including a new transmission main from Laurel Elementary School to the community of Lake View along Old US Highway 52, a parallel water main, a new elevated water storage tank, and a booster station, comprising approximately 10,650 linear feet of water main installation and open cut excavation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because residents outside the Town of Laurel limits are currently having water trucked in and stored in wells and cisterns, an unsafe and costly situation; this project will provide safe, clean drinking water to these residents and address fire protection deficiencies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by it is for the purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Erin Houchin
Member of Congress