

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Nashville Water System Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Nashville Municipal Utilities, located at 200 Andy Rogers Way, Nashville, IN 47448.

The funding would be used for replacement of water distribution mains serving the downtown, commercial center, and school complex, upgrade of select water mains to larger diameters at strategic locations, installation of pressure reducing valves, establishment of a hydraulic loop to optimize fire flow distribution, and new water taps from the main line to customer meters. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Town's existing water mains are undersized, deteriorating, and no longer meet current engineering standards, resulting in persistent system-wide water loss, excessive hydraulic pressure, and insufficient fire flow capacity for businesses, residents, and public schools; proactive replacement costs far less than ongoing emergency repairs and ensures long-term reliability of the municipal water system.

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