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Chairman Tom Cole Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Emporia Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Emporia, located at 201 S Main St, Emporia, VA 23847. The funding would be used to make improvements to the West End Boulevard water line, dating back to the early 1920s, which remains one of the city's older cast iron lines yet to be replaced.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will upgrade and modernize two water lines, the Wiggins Road and Walnut Circle lines, which have been contaminated with asbestos since the early 1960s. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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,

Jennifer L. McClellan

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Member of Congress