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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 Norwood Water & Sewer Line Extension project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Emporia, located at 201 South Main Street, Emporia, VA 23847. The funding would allow for the completion of the extension of the Norwood Water and Sewer Line, a critical component of its broader Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Program. The wastewater infrastructure is well overdue for upgrades throughout the city.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance public health, environmental safety, and economic development in the region. The City of Emporia will be replacing outdated water and sewer lines, reducing the risk of system failures, lowering maintenance costs, and improving service reliability for residents and businesses. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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