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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request community project funding for the Orion, IL Automated Water Meter project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Orion, located at 1201 Fourth Street Orion, IL 61273. The funding would be used for the purchase of 800 automated water meters and related equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the installation of new automated water meters will significantly decrease the time required to collect usage data, improve water resource conservation efforts, and ensure accurate collection of water usage.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Darin LaHood  
Member of Congress