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Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Village of Lena for Water Main Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Lena, located at 122 E. Main St, Lena, IL 61048. The funding would be used to replace deteriorating water mains.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Village of Lena's water main infrastructure in three critical project areas is over 55 years old, undersized, and failing. Much of the existing water main does not meet the minimum diameter requirements under 10 States Standards for fire protection, and the Village has experienced numerous main breaks in recent years along with existing dead-end water mains. Residents in these areas face low water pressure, insufficient pressure for fire protection, recurring boil orders during main breaks, and significant service downtime. The proposed project will replace the deteriorating water mains across the three highest-need locations, providing reliable water service and adequate fire protection capacity for Village residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300j-12), which authorizes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to support improvements to community water systems, including the installation of transmission and distribution pipes under 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(ii).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Darin LaHood  
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