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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 McLean County for Drinking Water Failing Infrastructure Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is McLean County, located at 115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701. The funding would be used to design and install new municipal water infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Colonial Meadows subdivision, an unincorporated county island within McLean County, relies on an obsolete private well and deteriorated underground infrastructure that produces discolored, brown, and cloudy water daily, posing ongoing public health concerns. The subdivision's limited financial capacity makes private system replacement infeasible. The proposed project will install approximately 6,000 linear feet of new water main to connect 84 residential parcels to the City of Bloomington's municipal water system, providing safe, reliable drinking water to an underserved low-income neighborhood while also extending service to adjacent Central Illinois Regional Airport property to support future economic development.

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
Member of Congress

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