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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$650,000 in funding for Bluff City for Water Treatment Plant Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Bluff City located at 4391 Bluff City Highway, TN 37618. The funding would be used to replace a booster station at the Town of Bluff City's water treatment plant. The replacement booster station will be used to recirculate treated water that will be pumped into the upper pressure zone before leaving the facility to meet regulatory requirements. The current station is in significant disrepair and operates under unsafe working conditions that affect system reliability, operator safety, and water quality compliance. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable water infrastructure is essential to supporting existing commerce and residential needs. Replacing the booster station avoids regulatory risks, protects public health, and strengthens the operation resilience of the Town – ensuring that public funds generate lasting economic and community benefits rather than continually being applied to emergency fixes.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Harshbarger".

Diana Harshbarger
Member of Congress