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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Lithonia Booster Pump Station Standby Power in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is DeKalb County Government, located at 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

The funding would be used to replace aging fill valves at five key storage tank sites, improving pressure control and fire flow availability. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This request seeks funding to install standby (backup) power at the existing Lithonia Booster Pump Station, which currently lacks an alternative power source. Without backup power, the station is vulnerable to service disruptions during grid outages, posing a significant risk to water system reliability for the surrounding community. Installing a backup generator is critical to meeting DeKalb County's Level of Service (LOS) goal, a performance standard set by the Department of Watershed Management to ensure continuous water system operation under both normal and emergency conditions. This goal requires all critical infrastructure—such as booster pump stations—to have dual power sources to maintain uninterrupted service. Investing in this improvement enhances public safety, protects water access during emergencies, and ensures long-term resilience in a disadvantaged area. It is a responsible and valuable use of taxpayer funds that supports infrastructure stability and community preparedness. Importantly, the project is located in and/or directly serves disadvantaged communities that have historically lacked sufficient investment in water infrastructure. As such, this request represents a valuable use of taxpayer funds by addressing both infrastructure resilience and environmental justice while delivering long-term operational savings and public health benefits..

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, Member of Congress

Sincerely,



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