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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 Water Storage Tank Fill Valve Replacements 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 project will improve fire flow availability in areas surrounding the ground storage tanks, which is critical for public safety and emergency response, particularly in regions with aging infrastructure or limited hydrant pressure. By optimizing high-service pumping operations during the tank fill cycles, the project also significantly enhances energy efficiency, reducing operational costs and environmental impact. Additionally, it promotes improved water quality by enabling better mixing within the storage tanks, which helps prevent stagnation and ensures consistent water quality throughout the distribution system. 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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