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May 1, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the Clearwell Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, located at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro, N.C., 27510. The funding would be used for the design phase of the Clearwell Replacement project. This project is necessary to replace an aging clearwell, which is in danger of failing and is a necessary step in the water purification process to ensure residents are reliably receiving safe drinking water.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it can help keep utility rates affordable for residents of Orange County. By reducing that financial burden on individual residents, this infrastructure investment can help keep the region economically competitive.

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,



Valerie P. Foushee
MEMBER OF CONGRESS