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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for North West Utility District Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is North West Utility District, located at 4296 Henson Gap Road, Dunlap, TN 37327. The funding would be used to complete the construction of a new water main in the system's Mowbray Mountain service area, which urgently requires system improvements. Water main breaks in the area typically deplete the region's requisite water storage tank within 24 hours and result in water outages lasting 72 to 96 hours, posing health risks for more than 3,400 customers. The Mowbray Mountain Water Storage Project focuses on water loss mitigation, storage, and redundancy and proposes to reduce water main break impacts on water service, decrease recovery time for the region's water storage tank by achieving 24-hour emergency storage, increase efficiency of the region's booster pump station by decreasing friction loss, and provide 54,000 gallons of additional system water storage, which will support residential and commercial growth in Bledsoe and Sequatchie Counties. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Mowbray Mountain Water Storage project will address a decades-long issue faced by North West Utility District customers in Bledsoe and Sequatchie Counties. This project will reduce public health concerns resulting from frequent water outages and will improve efficiency for North West Utility District by mitigating water loss and reducing system operating costs. Energy use and costs associated with pumping water to the Mowbray Mountain service area will decrease because the aforementioned improvements will reduce headloss and increase the efficiency of NWUD's County Line Booster Pump Station, which serves every NWUD customer in Bledsoe and Sequatchie Counties. Approximately 3,400 residents in TN-04 would benefit from the completion of this project and future growth in the region would be supported by the infrastructure improvements and additional system storage. 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, appearing to read "Scott DesJarlais".

Scott DesJarlais, M.D.
Member of Congress