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

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lebanon Water Works Company Northside Water Tank, Booster Pump, and System Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lebanon Water Works Company, located at 120 S. Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky, 40033.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve system reliability, emergency preparedness, and long-term growth capacity for Lebanon and neighboring Springfield. Under existing conditions, system elevations prevent treated water from Springfield from flowing back to Lebanon under any circumstances. As a result, Lebanon has no secondary supply option during emergencies such as drought, mechanical failure, contamination events, or extended maintenance outages. By enabling emergency backfeed from Springfield, the booster pump station provides a permanent, structural safeguard against such disruptions. Unlike temporary measures such as portable pumping or water hauling, this project embeds resilience directly into the system's design. The result is faster response times, reduced service interruptions, and improved protection of public health during emergencies.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Member of Congress