

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0403**

May 23, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Fort Smith Water System Improvements in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Smith, located at 623 Garrison Ave, Fort Smith, AR, 72901. The funding would be used to replace 19,000 linear feet of antiquated galvanized and small diameter water lines. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed replacement will improve fire flows, increase system pressures, and reduce maintenance for residents in the city and surrounding areas in the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack  
Member of Congress