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House of Representatives
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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 North Central Crawford County Water System Improvements in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mountainburg, located at 101 Highway 71 North Mountainburg, Arkansas, 72946. The funding would be used for the completion of a water infrastructure project that will add 68 miles of pipe and build three water storage tanks, pressure-reducing valves, and a new pump station. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will serve approximately 350 taxpaying customers with a potable water supply. The families in the project area do not currently have access to potable water, and they depend upon individual private water wells that are either inadequate in quantity, quality, or both. Many of these residents purchase and haul their water from the Lake Fort Smith Water Treatment Plant. This places an extreme economic burden on these residents since it is approximately 9-miles between the midpoint of the project area and the Lake Fort Smith Water Treatment Plant.

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