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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Smithtown PFAS Contamination Water Main & Boundary Extension project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smithtown, located at 90 East Main Street, Kings Park, New York 11754.

The funding would be used to extend the boundaries of its service area and existing distribution facilities to service 26 singlefamily dwellings currently receiving drinking water from their private wells, which the Suffolk County Department of Health has detected contaminants in the form of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 1,4- dioxane, and volatile organic compounds. This Clean Drinking Water funding request is designed to benefit residents currently relying on private wells that are unfortunately contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 1,4-dioxane.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the government is fundamental to ensuring the safety and purity of our drinking water. It is our collective duty to protect this vital resource for all residents, as clean water is not just a necessity for daily life but a cornerstone of public health and environmental stewardship. Given the level of emerging contaminants in the private wells of these affected properties and the inadequacy of temporary measures like bottled water provision, it is clear that connecting these homes to a public water supply is the most effective solution. By extending the water mains to include these properties, not only will we address the immediate health risks posed by contaminated private wells, but we will also enhance the overall efficiency and safety of the Smithtown Water District's water supply system.

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,

Nick LaLota
Member of Congress