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March 20, 2026

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 Reeve Avenue, Mattituck Water Main Extension in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA), located at 4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, New York 11769.

The funding would be used for the installation of approximately 3,850 linear feet of water main along Reeve Avenue in Mattituck to connect 60 homes currently relying on private wells contaminated with PFAS to the SCWA public water system. Each of the 60 homes will have a service line extended to their property line. Residents who choose to connect will also have a private service line installed, allowing them to connect to the public water system and retire their private well. The project area falls within a Suffolk County Department of Health Services PFAS assessment area and has been designated a priority for public water expansion.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly protects the public health of 60 households in Mattituck whose only source of drinking water is private wells identified as impacted by PFAS contamination by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. PFAS compounds are persistent chemicals linked to serious adverse health outcomes, including cancer, immune system disruption, and developmental harm. Without federal funding, the cost of extending water mains and service lines to this area would be cost-prohibitive for many of the families affected, leaving them without a viable path to safe drinking water. SCWA has committed the required 20 percent non-federal cost share and is prepared to begin construction as soon as funding is secured. The project has received no prior federal funding.

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, which authorizes the use of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund resources for the extension of public water distribution systems to protect public health.

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