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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Freeport Water Main Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Freeport, located at 314 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL, 61032. The funding would be used to allow Freeport to strengthen its infrastructure foundation to support existing residential and commercial customers. The project will also eliminate any water distribution system related barriers for new businesses to start or existing businesses to grow in the area. Water Main Replacements will prioritize the most disadvantaged communities and worse-shape water main lines first. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Freeport to strengthen their infrastructure to support existing residential and commercial customers, and eliminate any water distribution system-related barriers for new businesses to start or existing businesses to grow in the area.

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 the project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Eric Sorensen Member of Congress