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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 1st Avenue Water Main Replacement and Roadway Reconstruction project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Silvis located at 121 11th Street, Silvis, IL 61282. The funding will be used to replace a century-old watermain. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will construct a failing water main installed in 1912 while the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) reconstructs the 1st Avenue corridor. The existing 112-year-old water main has exceeded its design life and is highly vulnerable to failure, particularly during heavy construction vibration and long-term traffic loading. If not replaced during the state project, future breaks would require cutting into newly constructed pavement, damaging the roadway and wasting taxpayer investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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