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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Village of McArthur, Ohio Water Replacement (Phase 1) in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of McArthur, Ohio located at 124 W. Main Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651.

The Village of McArthur needs to replace approximately 10,200 linear feet of aging waterlines, 6,700 linear feet of service lines, 26 gate valves, and 26 fire hydrants. This project is in response to documented deficiencies, high unaccounted-for water loss (currently 39%), and recommendations from the Ohio EPA sanitary survey. By replacing the water distribution system, the Village will reduce water loss, improve reliability and water quality for 92 homes and businesses, and enhance fire protection for the community.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these funds will address aging and failing water infrastructure, replacing undersized water lines, gate valves, and fire hydrants that are well past their useful life. Currently, the Village experiences 39% unaccounted-for water loss, which is both financially and environmentally costly. New, high-quality waterlines will improve water quality, reliability of service, and fire protection capacity. Reducing water loss also helps keep water rates affordable in a community whose Median Household Income (MHI) is \$53,519, with over 30% of residents at or below 200% of the poverty level.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c) (Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Congressman David Taylor
Ohio's Second Congressional District