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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

I am requesting funding for the Village of Leesburg, Ohio, Water Expansion Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Leesburg, located at 57 S Fairfield Street, Leesburg, OH 45135.

The funding would be used to strengthen and secure the Village of Leesburg's water system to meet both current demands and future growth, while positioning the community for expanded industrial and commercial development. A key component of the project is the establishment of a backup water source through the Highland County Water Company. This connection will ensure continuity of service during emergencies or system disruptions and provide additional capacity to support future growth within the village and the SiteOhio-Authenticated Leesburg Industrial Park. The project also includes refurbishment of the village's 26-year-old water tower to extend its service life, improve operational efficiency, and maintain adequate storage capacity and system pressure. Lastly, seven aging fire hydrants throughout the system will be replaced. This will strengthen fire protection capabilities and enhance overall system reliability for residents, businesses, industrial facilities, and the SiteOhio-Authenticated industrial park.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project strengthens essential infrastructure, protects public health and safety, and supports long-term community and economic growth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Congressman David Taylor  
Ohio's Second Congressional District