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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Tonawanda in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Tonawanda, located at 2919 Delaware Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217. The funding would be used for the installation of approximately 11,400 linear feet of 8-inch PVC, 4,170 linear feet of 16-inch PVC, and 23 fire hydrants to replace the aging water supply to Tonawanda's Old Town neighborhood.

This project presents a good use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a number of common goals for use of public funds. The waterfront neighborhood is often forgotten by a majority of Town residents. The neighborhood is home to over 800 residents or approximately 400 housing units. The neighborhood originally grew out of the need for manufacturing workers during the 1920-1925 industrial development period and it is currently home to homeowners but also many tenants of multi-family rental units. Due to the age and type of development, this neighborhood is expected to have a higher concentration of lead water services than typical Town of Tonawanda residents. The project approach identifies this issue and acknowledges the need to ensure that any identified lead service lines are replaced.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. and Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress