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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 Erie County Water Authority Lead Service Line Replacement Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Erie County Water Authority, located at 295 Main Street, Room 350, Buffalo, New York 14203. The funding would be used for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the ECWA service area is geographically large and includes urban, suburban, and rural communities. Along with geographic diversity, there is also a wide range of income levels throughout our service area, and because of this, the areas that have the most need often get overshadowed by the MHI of the entire service area. Many of the customers that will be impacted by this grant are located in Potential Environmental Justice Areas (PEJA). Recognizing all of these factors, grant funding directly impacts a family's home by removing a lead service and indirectly impacts the entire service area by reducing the overall cost of the project to ratepayers.

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