

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

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 Buffalo Sewer Authority Replacing Our Lead Lines Program in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Buffalo Sewer Authority, located at 65 Niagara Square, Room 1038, Buffalo, NY 14202. The funding would be used for the Replacing Our Lead Lines Program and would replace 650 lead service lines from known lead service line inventories in the City of Buffalo in disadvantaged communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Buffalo Sewer Authority will replace lead service lines in a section of the city known to be low income, an identified disadvantaged community, which also has the greatest amount of water bill delinquency and one of the highest rates of childhood blood lead levels. For many individual customers, this program is likely the only affordable way their lead service line will be replaced, thus this funding will ease the overall impact of replacement on 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress