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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request funding for the North Lafayette Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project Phase II of the Lafayette Utilities System Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project. This project is located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, LA, 70506. The funding will be used to address the low water pressures being experienced by customers and allow commercial and residential developers to expand. These galvanized lines have become brittle and are subject to leaks and breaks. This project will expedite the City's galvanized water line replacement program to enhance service, improve quality of life, and promote development and expansion in the North and East sides of the city. The pipes that have been selected for replacement are in economically disadvantaged areas of the city. These pipes will be replaced with newer standards, including PVC. The replacement pipes have a minimum service life of several decades.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Respectfully,

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress