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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
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and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Sanford Bishop
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration,
and Related Agencies
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Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I strongly support the Jeff Davis Parish Water System Improvements project funding request for the fiscal year 2026. This project, located in Jefferson Davis Parish, is for expanding the parish water system to meet present demand.

The Rural Development program aims to support essential public infrastructure, including investments in education, health care, and public safety, to promote economic development and improve the quality of life in rural communities. The Water System Improvements project aligns well with these objectives because the intended use of the Jeff Davis Water and Sewer 1 funds is to design, engineer, and construct improvements to these rural water districts' networks as described above. These improvements will increase the resiliency of the district's water supply. Additionally, Jeff Davis Water District 4 funds are to complete planning, engineering, and permitting for the elevated storage tank and required appurtenances and to upgrade critical network main lines to improve service for our rural customers.

I urge you to prioritize this funding request as it will significantly impact the lives of those residing in the rural areas of Jefferson Davis Parish. The Water System Improvements project is an essential community project that deserves federal support. It will provide the necessary improvements to the public water system to ensure health, sanitation, and security for the public. The facility will be a vital addition to the existing public water system in support of the water service for residential, commercial, business, educational, hospitals, and other public facilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this essential community project.

Respectfully,

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress