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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
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Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree,

I strongly support the North Lafayette Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project funding request for the fiscal year 2026. This project is crucial for replacing aging galvanized pipes in economically disadvantaged communities, subject to leaks and breaks, jeopardizing clean drinking water availability.

The North Lafayette Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project aligns well with the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which is a crucial federal program that aims to ensure that all Americans have access to clean and safe drinking water. The funding provided for this project will be used to replace aging galvanized pipes with new, durable pipes, thereby reducing the risk of contamination and ensuring that the water supply meets all federal and state drinking water standards. This project will contribute to the overall health and well-being of the residents in the region, and it is crucial that we prioritize this funding request.

Furthermore, this project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure safe drinking water for the area's residents. Access to clean and safe drinking water is a fundamental right for every American, and it is crucial that we prioritize funding for projects like the North Lafayette Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project.

I urge you to prioritize this funding request as it will significantly impact the lives of those residing in these communities. The North Lafayette Galvanized Water Line Replacement Project is an essential community project that deserves federal support. By funding this project, we can ensure that these communities have access to clean and safe drinking water, which will undoubtedly contribute to their overall health and well-being.

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

Respectfully,

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress