



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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 am requesting funding for the Northeast Calcasieu Parish Water System Reliability Improvement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Calcasieu Parish Waterworks District No. 5 of Wards 3 and 8, located at 1015 Pithon St., Lake Charles, LA 70602. The funding would be used to modernize aging infrastructure, improve distribution system performance, strengthen fire protection capability, and ensure reliable delivery of safe drinking water to residents and businesses throughout Northeast Calcasieu Parish. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable water infrastructure is fundamental to economic activity and quality of life across Louisiana.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress