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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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H-307, U.S. Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
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Dear Chairwoman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Simpson, and Ranking Member Pingree:

I write to respectfully request Community Project Funding in fiscal year 2025 for urgent, critical improvements to the Manchester Township Clean Water Project, which are desperately needed to address PFOS contamination in groundwater wells, led by the Township of Manchester, located at 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759. The expansion will help meet the water needs of Manchester and allow for the mitigation of wells contaminated by Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS).

This project ensures the township's water supply meets the new stringent PFOS regulations, safeguarding over 50,000 residents' health. It will also allow the township to provide safe drinking water supply for our mostly senior citizen population, including affordable housing units. This proposed project has the widespread, strong support of local, county and state elected officials. 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.

The Manchester Township Clean Water Project consists of constructing new state-of-the-art water treatment facilities to service wells contaminated by PFOS. The total cost of the project is \$10,000,000 dollars, and the Township is requesting \$3,500,000 to allow for the establishment of water treatment facilities, including the necessary piping and infrastructure upgrades to connect and modernize wells 1-4 in the township's Eastern Service Area. Wells 1-3 are necessary

to bring back online for the township to meet the water demands of New Jersey's Affordable Housing Requirements.

The plan also includes the completion of all piping and water system appurtenances associated with the interconnect vaults. In addition to bringing the existing plant into compliance with pending regulations, this infrastructure upgrade will improve the water system resiliency and cybersecurity, and it will enhance the health and safety of residents and businesses of neighboring municipalities.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds due to the fact it will expand drinking water treatment for water containing contaminants and delivery capacity to communities effected by PFOS groundwater contamination.

The sponsor for this project is the Township of Manchester, New Jersey and the cost is \$3,500,000. The Township will meet the 20% cost share. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of my request for assistance for the Manchester Township Water System Improvement and Remediation Project.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate the Committee's due consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH  
Member of Congress