

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southland Water Agency Intake Pipe Project – Cook County, IL, project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southland Water Agency, located at 16226 Wausau Avenue, Building B, South Holland, IL 60473. The funding would be used to build a new Lake Michigan water supply system and provide more affordable water to South Suburban communities in Cook County, IL. Specifically, the project will feature the construction of a new timber intake crib in Lake Michigan near Gary, IN. It will provide long-term budget stability for the region by creating cost-savings that can be used to address other aging infrastructure needs, while giving these communities much-needed independence from their current water suppliers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help provide clean, affordable water to south suburban communities in Cook County.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under 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.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress