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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Leicester Water Supply District Interconnection project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Leicester Water Supply District, located at 124 Pine Street, PO Box 86, Leicester, MA 01524. The funding would be used to build a water interconnection with the City of Worcester, allowing Leicester to meet its drinking water infrastructure needs. By enabling the purchase of water from Worcester, the water district will be able to address recent challenges with local sources, including the inoperability of several wells and water treatment capacity limitations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Leicester is a small community of approximately 11,000 people, and the state has identified an interconnection with Worcester as a viable option to secure Leicester's water infrastructure needs. This project will directly improve the drinking water infrastructure of the town.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern Member of Congress