

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Brunswick County's Bolivia Area Water Line Extensions project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Brunswick County Public Utilities, located at 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, NC 28422. The funding would be used for construction of approximately 36,300 linear feet (LF) of 6-8-inch water lines and approximately 1,700 linear feet of 8-inch water main across three designated areas around the Town of Bolivia, approximately 370 residences.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides clean drinking water to communities, improves public health outcomes, and reduces healthcare costs associated with waterborne diseases and illnesses. Additionally, enhancing water infrastructure increases property values and stimulates economic development in the region, leading to higher tax revenues for local governments. Improved water access also bolsters community resilience, reducing the need for costly emergency interventions during disasters.

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.

Sincerely,

