

**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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the King's Bluff Raw Water Pump Station Improvement project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, located at 1107 New Pointe Blvd, Suite 17, Leland, NC 28451. The funding would be used for procurement and installation of a fourth raw water pump at the pump station to increase the station capacity to meet long term raw water demand and provide redundancy during periods of high demand.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides clean water to and expanded capacity for one of the fastest expanding areas in the state. 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. Federal funding connects residences and families to safe, clean water while reducing rate increases system wide.

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,

