

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 19, 2026

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 Brunswick County's Shallotte Area Water Line Extensions project in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 59,700 linear feet (LF) of new drinking water distribution infrastructure across three designated areas around the Town of Shallotte - approximately 775 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,

