

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 3, 2023

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
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 Water Line Extensions to Underserved Areas of Brunswick County project in Fiscal Year 2025. 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- to 8-inch water lines and approximately 1,700 linear feet of 8-inch water main across three designated areas around the Town of Bolivia. These designated areas are anticipated to cater to approximately 370 residences.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides clean water to distressed communities, the project improves public health outcomes, reducing 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. 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,

