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April 29th, 2021

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
and Related Agencies
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

I am requesting \$320,000 for Blue Mound Water System Improvements Division 2: Water Tower Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Village of Blue Mound located at 309 North Railroad Avenue, Blue Mound, IL 62513. The project itself is located at 212 North Goltra Street, Blue Mound, IL 62513 (Pedestal Tower) and 519 Lewis Street, Blue Mound, IL 62513 (Four-Legged Tower).

The funding would be used for a plethora of upgrades and repairs to a 150,000-gallon elevated pedestal storage tank that stores finished water discharged from the water plant and the 100,000-gallon four-legged storage tank located in the middle of the distribution system. This work includes cleaning, coating, installing of safety equipment, venting, sealing, and more. A study of each storage tank has been completed and has found many deficiencies in need of repairs and other necessary modernization updates that require attention.

The elevated tower tanks have not received major upgrades in approximately 25 years and are due for work to ensure the storage facilities remain in acceptable condition. Water consumption in the Village has slightly increased over the past three years. The increase in water usage comes from new customers outside the Village corporate limits and increases in usage from both business and residential users. Water usage and demand are expected to continue that trend. The community will benefit from better quality drinking water, reduced operation and maintenance costs, and continued safe and efficient public water supply operation. Federal investment for these necessary, but infrequent investments will greatly benefit this small, rural community.

I thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



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