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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Village of Bethalto Water Main Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Bethalto, located at 213 North Prairie Street, Bethalto, IL 62010. The funding would be used to replace approximately 8,600 feet of failing water main located in the core of the village's distribution network. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will stabilize the community's water supply and ensure long-term fire protection capabilities.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski  
Member of Congress