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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Washougal Water System Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Washougal, located at 1701 C Street Washougal, WA 98671. The funding would be used to construct a Granular Activated Carbon Treatment Facility located on the City's Lower Wellfield, which hosts five of the City's six wells.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because quarterly testing conducted over the past year has revealed the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in excess of the EPA's maximum contaminant limit. Granular Activated Carbon has proven to be one of the most cost-effective and widely used methods for reducing PFAS and providing safe, clean drinking water to residents.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MGP', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez  
Member of Congress