

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Franklin Water Main Public Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Franklin located at 1 Benjamin Franklin Way, Franklin, OH, 45005.

The funding would be used to replace the most vulnerable section of the City of Franklin's drinking water infrastructure along the east bank of the Great Miami River. Ongoing riverbank erosion has exposed portions of a major water transmission main that were originally buried and protected, leaving the pipe and its deteriorating concrete casing increasingly vulnerable to damage during high water events and debris impacts. The project will install approximately 775 linear feet of new water main extending from Georgia Pacific Road and Miami Avenue to 5th Street and River Street, including a protected crossing beneath the river.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the water line is a critical component of Franklin's drinking water system, serving roughly 10,000 residents, businesses, and public facilities with no redundant backup supply. Failure of the line could result in significant service disruptions, reduced fire protection capacity, and costly emergency repairs. Federal support will allow the city – whose size, median household income, and poverty levels reflect more limited local resources – to proactively replace the most at-risk section of infrastructure and protect reliable drinking water service for the community.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,



Congressman Greg Landsman