

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Developing Oklahoma Hydronet for Advanced Management of Water Resources project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is Oklahoma State University located at 203B Whitehurst Hall, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. The funding would be used for the completion of the Oklahoma Hydronet, the nation's first statewide integrated hydrologic monitoring network. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will dramatically improve our ability to monitor and predict droughts and floods; better manage infrastructure and resources before, during, and after extreme events; and more accurately target warning and relief efforts.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank D. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and "L".

Frank D. Lucas  
Member of Congress