

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Lead Service Line Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is New York City Department of Environmental Protection, located at 59-17 Junction Blvd, Flushing, NY 11373.

The funding would be used to replace approximately 180 private water service lines made of lead and galvanized steel with copper service lines, at no-cost to property owners in various districts. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly protects the most vulnerable residents while reducing long-term public health costs associated with lead poisoning.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in the Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress