Dear Chairwoman Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

I am requesting $1,975,000 for Carrollton New Water Treatment Plant in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Carrollton, located at 621 South Main Street, Carrollton IL 62016. The project itself is located at 293 NW 200 Avenue, Carrollton, IL 62016.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new water treatment plant including a new filtration system, chemical feel systems, pumps, controls, raw water detention tank, site piping, and a booster pump station backup generator. The existing treatment plant was constructed in 1958 and has undergone many modifications since construction including source water change, remodeling, and additions. Despite Carrollton’s best efforts the facility is producing finished water which barely meets current regulatory standards. The proposed project is designed to produce potable water efficiently and will require less manpower and maintenance than is currently required. Due to the age of the facility, equipment replacement is becoming difficult and sometimes impossible. Additionally, the current treatment plant building and overall site do not meet ADA accessibility requirements and contain confirmed amounts of harmful asbestos.

With a grant award the City will be able to provide potable water to businesses, hospitals, schools, and 5,435 residents located throughout Greene County, Illinois. The Carrollton regional water facility supplies potable water to 2,680 City residents and an additional 2,755 water customers through the Greene County Rural Water District for a total of 5,435 residents. The new facility also serves as the back-up supply for 1,200 residents in the City of Greenfield. Additionally, Carrollton and Greene County have a large agricultural community, and agribusiness is a key component of the economy which relies heavily on a robust water system. This project also serves a significant service area which qualifies as an “Underserved Area” according to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
I thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress