February 25, 2022

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding authorization for two water supply projects sponsored by EJ Water Cooperative in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. While both projects are in Illinois’ 15th Congressional District the primary purpose is to extend water supply and capacity to communities in Illinois’ 13th Congressional District. The project details are below.

The Intake with Raw Water Main and Reservoir Expansion project is in Shelby County, IL and runs along 6 rural miles through Holland, Dry Point, and Lakewood townships. The purpose of this water supply project is to construct a raw water main and reservoir meant to provide additional water capacity to accommodate the growing service area of the cooperative in Montgomery and Christian counties. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It will provide for additional residential capacity, 100 day-supply of water storage, and promote economic development projects where water is a key resource.

The Delbert Mundt Water Treatment Plant Expansion project is located at 2037 East 000 North Road, Beecher City, IL 62414 in Shelby County, IL. The purpose of this water supply project is to construct an addition to an existing water treatment plant to provide additional water capacity to accommodate the growing service area of the cooperative in Montgomery and Christian counties. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It will increase plant capacity by 3 million gallons per day to support increased demand of the cooperative service area. This expanded plant would support the new capacity of the Intake with Raw Water Main and Reservoir Expansion project previously described.

The increased water supply from these combined projects would be allocated for the following cooperative communities in IL-13: Montgomery County – Montgomery County Water Company, Witt, Coalton, Irving, Coffeen, Panama, Butler, Nokomis and Christian County – Owaneco. This water would also be allocated for the following potential cooperative communities in IL-13: Montgomery County – Nokomis, Schram City, Fillmore, Farmersville, Raymond, Harvel, Taylor Springs and Christian County – Jeisyville.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in these projects.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress