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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 Dearborn Transmission Main Condition Assessment & Renewals in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Great Lakes Water Authority, located at 735 Randolph, Suite 1900, Detroit, MI 48226.

The funding would be used for the inspection and potential renewal of 18 miles of drinking water transmission mains located in the City of Dearborn and portions near the City of Detroit. These inspections will specifically target mains that have deteriorated beyond their structural capacity to allow for targeted pipe renewals that would prevent additional catastrophic failures and significant public impact. Several transmission mains are approaching 100 years old, the end of their useful service life.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because due to the size, age and location of these transmission mains, failures will result in widespread water disruption and significant property damage while impacting public safety for those residents and businesses impacted.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act within 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(i-vi).

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

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress