

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1402

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of La Crosse for its Water Utility Improvements Phase 3 Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of La Crosse, located at 13 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 246, La Crosse, IN 46348.

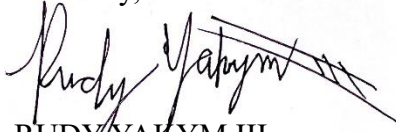
The funding would be used for replacing existing aging or undersized water mains within the distribution system with 6" diameter water mains. This includes replacing any service line connections, isolation valves, and hydrants within the identified project area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Town's oldest water mains in the system were installed in the early 1950s and have exceeded their useful life. Much of the water system is composed of surplus pipe from WWII. These undersized water mains cannot provide adequate flow and pressure during an emergency fire event. Additionally, the town has documented hydrants that are in poor condition, lack an associated isolation valve, and are undersized. Modernizing this infrastructure is essential to protect public health, public safety, ensure environmental compliance, and maintain safe and dependable water service for residents and businesses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. (Drinking Water Projects).

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

Sincerely,


RUDY YAKYM III
Member of Congress