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May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,300,000 in funding for the Hastings PFAS and Nitrates Treatment Phase #1 in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hastings, located at 101 4th St. E., Hastings, MN 55033.

The funding would be used for the construction of three decentralized water treatment plants - with each serving two to three wells, to remove the PFAS and nitrate contaminants and provide clean and safe drinking water for 23,000 residents and businesses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Hastings' drinking water is above maximum contaminant levels for PFOA and PFOS, per the US EPA's recently adopted National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. Additionally, the Minnesota Veterans Home, located in Hastings, exceeds the new MCLs with its individual well. In September 2023, the City of Hastings completed a Feasibility Study to address PFAS and Nitrate contamination, which considered several alternatives, and recommended the construction of three water treatment plants. The Minnesota Department of Health has approved this study.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Angie Craig

Member of Congress

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