



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1501**

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Study of a Secondary Drinking Water Source in fiscal year 2027. The entity that would receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located at 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314. The funding would be used for a study to identify a secondary drinking water source and additional drinking water storage capability in the national capital region. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the District of Columbia has only one source of drinking water.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding would be provided for purposes authorized by Section 8201(a)(14) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-263, Division H, Section 8201(a)(14)), as amended by Section 1351 of the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272, Division A, Section 1351).

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eleanor H. Norton".

Eleanor Holmes Norton