



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

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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 \$2.5 million for a study of a secondary drinking water source for the District of Columbia in fiscal year 2026. The entity to 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 provided is 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,

Eleanor Holmes Norton