

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2404

March 18th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

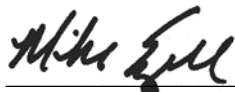
I am requesting funding for the City of Waynesboro 16" Water Main Replacement project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi located at 714 Wayne St. Waynesboro, MS, 39367. The funding would be used to replace an ageing 16-inch water transmission line that provides for the City's entire drinking water supply.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will replace a critical 16-inch water transmission main that supplies the City of Waynesboro's primary source of drinking water, ensuring reliable and safe water service for residents and businesses. Due to the presence of heavy metals in local groundwater, the city relies entirely on treated water supplied by the Hiwannee Water Association through a transmission line extending more than 12 miles to the city. The existing line, originally installed in the 1980s, has experienced frequent breaks and maintenance failures that disrupt water service and require emergency repairs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,



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Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress