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April 30, 2025

Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gem Lake Municipal Water Supply Project, Phase 2, in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gem Lake, located at 4200 Otter Lake Road, Saint Paul, MN 55110.

The funding would be used for the construction phase of a new water supply system, designed using FY24 CPF funds, to provide safe drinking water to residents, after the discovery of contamination of local private wells. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the construction of water infrastructure to provide for the health and safety of local residents by supplying them with safe drinking water, and this project has strong community support.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress