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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 Stillwater PFAS Water Treatment Facility in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Stillwater, located at 216 4th Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new water treatment facility, to provide safe drinking water to residents, following the discovery of several per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at amounts that exceed maximum contaminant levels established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the construction of drinking water infrastructure to remove recently discovered PFAS contamination in multiple groundwater wells. The project will support the health and safety of residents by supplying them with safe drinking water, and it 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,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress