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March 20, 2026

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 Mississippi River Pump Station in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Saint Paul, located at 15 W Kellogg Blvd, 700 CH, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Funding would be used to rehabilitate the 100-year-old Mississippi River Pump Station and intake system that provides reliable drinking water to roughly 445,000 Minnesotans in 14 cities. This pump station supplies water to all residents in Saint Paul, Maplewood, West Saint Paul, Mendota Heights, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mendota, Roseville, Little Canada, and Arden Hills. Additionally, the pump station provides water to some residents in South Saint Paul, Lilydale, Sunfish Lake, and Newport. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the Mississippi River Pump Station remains a stable and efficient cornerstone of the metropolitan water supply, prepared to serve 445,000 Minnesotans and support future regional growth.

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, appearing to read "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress