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

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,678,500 for the Saline Valley Conservancy District Water Treatment Plant Improvements project in Equality, Illinois in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Saline Valley Conservancy District, located at 900 Dewey Street Eldorado, IL 62930.

The proposed project will consist of purchasing and installing new hardware control panels to replace the old control boxes, converting old "DOS" based programming to new programming, and replacing hardware and software at the approximate 12 remote sites where the district monitors water for the service area. The project also includes purchasing and installing new filter control counsels and replacing old filter valves and electric actuators.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The SVCD was established to deliver reliable, safe drinking water to a rural customer base across multiple counties. The majority of the service area is low to mod income. The plant is still operating with 1980's control hardware and software, including programming that is in DOS operating system. It is no longer possible to get parts for the hardware at the plant, nor is it possible to upgrade the DOS software that controls and monitors plant operations and all remote locations throughout the district. These improvements will enable the plant to remain operational and provide safe drinking water for the community because the existing controls have reached their useful life and could fail any day.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress