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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the Raw Water Transmission Line project in Sparta, IL in fiscal year (FY) 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sparta, located at 112 W. Jackson St., Sparta, IL 62286.

The proposed project would initiate the final phase to replace the last 2.5 miles of raw water transmission main from the Sparta city limits to the Old Reservoir and direct the water to the water plant intake structure. The raw water transmission main would be replaced with 16" AWWA C-905 PVC pipe or 18" HDPE pipe. The City of Sparta replaced the first seven miles of raw water main in 2004 from the intake along the Kaskaskia River to Hickory Grove Road. Then in FY 2026 they received \$750,000 in federal funding, which they paired with a state loan, to replace the subsequent five miles of raw water main. Now, in FY 2027 they are seeking federal support to complete the raw water main connection the last 2.5 miles to the water plant intake structure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. This project benefits the community by increasing the reliability of providing quality drinking water and increases the security of the water quality. Sparta provides its citizens, the surrounding rural community, and the Village of Coulterville with high quality drinking water. Replacing the remaining transmission line will increase the reliability of delivering water to the treatment plant to allow processing of raw water into drinking water. The new transmission line will also secure the ability to provide raw water directly to the treatment plant intake structure to eliminate any environmental issues that may occur at the reservoir.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title IV of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost  
Member of Congress