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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 \$1,200,000 for the West Salem Watermain Replacement project in West Salem, Illinois in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of West Salem, IL, located at 106 E South St PO Box 456 West Salem, IL 62476.

The proposed project will replace approximately 7,600 feet of 2" and 4" cast iron watermain. The project would install new 6" watermain through open cut excavation parallel with and between the existing watermain and corresponding street right-of-way. The new watermain would be leak tested and disinfected. The new watermain would be connected to the existing system on one or both ends and all services on the existing watermain would be relocated to the new 6' watermain.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the entire community of West Salem, that is home to 800 residents. The current watermain is over seventy-five years old and has multiple leaking sections and shut off valves. As the aging cast iron pipe continues to corrode, the density of rust products and turbidity in the watermain increases. Each time a watermain breaks and is repaired, the interior portion of the watermain is exposed to groundwater and soil which significantly increases the chances of harmful bacteria into the watermain. Safe and readily available water is vital to the community's public health, safety and economy. This project is a good use of taxpayer money by ensuring the community has safe drinking water.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress