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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 \$4,000,000 for the Robinson Palestine Water Commission – New Water Treatment Plant project in Robinson, IL in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Robinson Palestine Water Commission, located at 108 E. Poplar Street, Robinson, IL 62454.

The proposed project would construct a new water treatment plant and campus. The new treatment facility will include a new treatment plant, a new administration building, and storage building. The new treatment facility will include a filtration system, chemical feed system, pumps, controls, finished water ground storage tank, site piping, and raw water detention. The administration building will be used for accounting and billing, office for management, clerical, and field operations staff, equipment storage, and a maintenance shop.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The existing water treatment plant is over 50 years old and despite undergoing many modifications over the years, the plant has reached the end of its useful life due space limitations and age. The construction of the new Robinson-Palestine Water Commission Water Treatment Plant Campus will help ensure the water quality for southeastern Crawford County for years to come, servicing approximately 13,000 people. Major water users of the system are also key job providers and economic drivers of the county and depend on this water system as a clean and reliable source of water.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Bost

Member of Congress

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