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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 \$2,800,000 for the City of Mt. Vernon Lead Line Replacement Initiative in Mt. Vernon, IL in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mt. Vernon, located at 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL, 62864.

The proposed project aims to replace 46 identified lead service lines with non-toxic alternatives to eliminate lead exposure risks. They will be replacing 762 galvanized service lines to mitigate corrosion and ensure water quality standards compliance. The city would also like to do an assessment of 31 unclassified service lines through material testing and analysis to determine replacement needs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Replacing lead lines in the city of Mt. Vernon is a crucial project with significant benefits for the community, making it a worthwhile investment of federal taxpayer dollars. Importantly, the project will protect public health. Lead pipes can leach harmful contaminants into the drinking water, posing serious health risks, particularly to children and pregnant women. By replacing these lead lines, the project directly addresses this health concern, ensuring residents have access to clean and safe drinking water. This action can lead to a reduction in lead poisoning cases and associated healthcare costs, ultimately benefiting the community's overall well-being.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress