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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Conway Water Storage System Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Conway, located at 229 Main Street, Conway, South Carolina 29526. The funding would be used to construct a new 0.5-million-gallon elevated water storage tank near South Carolina Highway 905.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address documented overcapacity in Conway's western water system and restore stable, reliable operating pressure for residents. The investment will lower recurring operating and emergency costs by stabilizing pressure, thereby reducing pump cycling, main breaks and leaks, and overtime and emergency contractor expenses. The project protects public health and ensures regulatory compliance by preventing sustained under-pressurization that can allow contaminants to intrude; avoiding a water-quality incident also prevents costly remediation and potential fines. Neighborhoods near SC Hwy 905 will experience fewer low-pressure issues and more consistent water service, reducing disruptions to households and businesses. Maintaining steady pressure minimizes vulnerabilities that could allow microbiological contaminants to enter the distribution system, directly supporting the delivery of safe drinking water to residents. Reliable water service supports local businesses, reduces property damage and service-related losses, and preserves property values while lowering long-term maintenance and emergency expenses for the district. Additional elevated storage provides extra capacity for firefighting, pump outages, and power failures, enhancing public safety and response capability.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress