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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Florence Water Treatment Plan Expansion and Upgrades project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Florence, located at 324 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501.

This funding will be used for engineering and construction improvements to the Pee Dee Water Surface Treatment Plant in Florence, SC. This project will expand the capacity of the water treatment plant to accommodate present needs and address future growth.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because this project will improve water production redundancy and resilience to address severe weather events. It will also adequately maintain system pressure to supply water to critical infrastructure to avoid any interruption in service. In the past, severe weather events disrupted and even canceled some of the functions of local hospitals. This project will also maintain system supply during disruptions like those with Hurricanes Florence and Michael due to downed trees and washed-out roadways.

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, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community funding project in the FY25 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress