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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Water Main Replacement – City of Attapulgus in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Attapulgus, Georgia, located at 115 N. Main Street, Attapulgus, Georgia 39815. The funding would be used to replace a portion of the asbestos cement water mains within the City of Attapulgus' drinking water distribution system. The project will replace water mains that are aged or deteriorated resulting in frequent leaks and main breaks. Additionally, the mains were manufactured using asbestos, a carcinogen, that poses a serious public health threat. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist the City of Attapulgus in meeting its long-term goal of eliminating all asbestos cement pipes from its water distribution system. The asbestos fibers released from the pipe are a carcinogen and pose a health risk to the customers of the water distribution system as well as city staff and contractors. The deteriorated condition of the pipes also causes frequent leaks and service disruptions.

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.

Sincerely,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr

Member of Congress