

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Georgetown Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Georgetown, MN, located at 127 Main St., PO Box 176, Georgetown, MN 56546.

Georgetown's drinking water system, built mostly in 1987, has needed frequent repairs but is nearing the end of its service life, requiring long-term planning for reliable service. Aging wells, inadequate treatment, and deteriorating well-house conditions, in part due to poor chemical storage and ventilation, pose risks to water safety and public health. To address these issues, Georgetown plans to connect to the West Central Regional Water District to reduce costs and avoid major upgrades, while also constructing an interconnection line to Perley, repairing parts of the distribution system, and installing water meters.

The project is a sound use of taxpayer funds because funding water infrastructure projects is not only appropriate but essential because it directly supports public health, economic growth, legal compliance, and long-term cost savings. Upgrading aging systems, repairing leaks, and improving treatment facilities help create healthier communities and protect the environment. At the same time, these projects generate jobs, stimulate local economies, and support industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism, while also attracting businesses and increasing property values.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by 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,



Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress