

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2307**

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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 Raymond Infrastructure Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Raymond, MN, located at 209 Cofield St. P.O. Box 216, Raymond, MN 56282.

The funding would be used to modernize the City of Raymond's aging water infrastructure to ensure safe, reliable service for residents, businesses, and emergency response. Central to the effort is the construction of a new 100,000-gallon water tower to replace the undersized 1910 structure, which no longer meets current storage needs or regulatory guidance. Phase one also includes improvements such as a new raw water line and site enhancements, helping the City build a more resilient water system capable of meeting current demand and supporting future needs.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical deficiencies in Raymond's water system that directly impact public health, safety, and emergency response. Its purpose is to replace the undersized, century-old water tower with a modern, properly sized facility and upgrade key infrastructure to meet regulatory standards and ensure reliable service. Investing in these improvements now prevents costly failures, supports emergency preparedness, and provides safe, clean water for residents and businesses while protecting the community's long-term public infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §300f.

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