Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Mound – Water Treatment Improvements – Manganese Removal in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mound, located at 2415 Wilshire Blvd, Mound, MN, 55364.

The funding would be used by the City of Mound, Minnesota, to help construct a water treatment facility to provide clean drinking water free from manganese, elevated levels of which have been found in the city's drinking water supply. Among other things, the funding would be prioritized for use for design engineering as well as new well and upgrades to trunk water mains in the area of the new plant site. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the construction of a new water treatment facility is the sole solution available to the City to provide clean, safe drinking water. Construction of the water treatment facility would benefit the approximately 10,000 residents of Mound, as well as the residents of Spring Park and Minnetrista that are customers of Mound water.

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,

Dean Phillips Member of Congress