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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *City of Bartow Lime Softening Unit Project* in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the *City of Bartow*, located at *450 N Wilson Ave, Bartow, FL 33830*. The funding would be used for construction of a new lime softening unit and associated infrastructure, including a raw water bypass line and recarbonation basin, to improve drinking water treatment reliability and quality.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a single point of failure in the City's water treatment system, improves operational reliability, and ensures the continued delivery of safe drinking water to residents and businesses.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12), which supports improvements to public water systems to protect public health and ensure compliance with drinking water standards

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Best regards,



Scott Franklin
Member of Congress