

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa De Lauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the New Lexington Waterline Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of New Lexington, located at 215 South Main Street, New Lexington, Ohio 43764. The funding would be used for repairs and replacements to the Village's water distribution system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because currently the village experiences an average of 26 breaks per mile each year, which is nearly three times the number of waterline breaks of the average Ohio water utility. Additionally, pressure issues have led to inadequate water supply to customers and has caused New Lexington School District to close school or send students home early.

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,



Troy Balderson
Member of Congress