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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair 2207 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

**Committee on House Administration** 

Ranking Member

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,

Science, and Related Agencies

Subcommittee on Energy and Water

Development, and Related Agencies

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for System-wide Cybersecurity modernization and resiliency for MCWA in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA), located at 475 Norris Drive, Rochester, NY 14610.

The funding would be used to secure the servers which operate all critical operations and data storage, install new backup systems to ensure rapid data recovery, fund resiliency testing and comprehensive vulnerability assessments, and install physical infrastructure security and state-of-the-art threat detection software. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA) is a public Drinking Water system which services over 185,000 private homes and businesses—a total household population of approximately 750,000 people, throughout seven Counties in western New York State.

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,

Joseph D. Morelle Member of Congress

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