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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Southington Water Department (SWD) for the Wells 9 and 10 PFAS Treatment project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southington Water Department located at 605 W Queen Road, Southington, CT 06489. The funding would be used for the Southington Water Department's PFAS treatment upgrades to Wells 9 and 10.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the SWD owns/operates drinking water infrastructure that serves ~43,000 residents in Southington and a small portion of Cheshire. Wells 9 and 10 are the highest producing wellfield in the SWD system, supplying nearly the entire Town with drinking water. The new EPA final MCL (enforceable level) for PFAS compounds includes 4 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFOS each. Recent sampling at Wells 9 and 10 has shown exceedances of these limits. The proposed project includes constructing a new treatment plant for PFAS removal at Wells 9 and 10.

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.

JOHN B. LARSON Member of Congress