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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Committee on
Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$15,178,689 for Hefner Water Treatment Plant in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hefner Water Treatment Plant, located at 3827 W. Hefner Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73120. The funding would be used for the installation of the Electrical Power Generator System at the Hefner Water Treatment Plant to ensure continuous water service to the Oklahoma City metropolitan area to protect health, safety, and welfare of the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because installing an emergency generator system at the Hefner Water Treatment Plant reduces public health and safety risks from a lack of potable water service by providing a backup power source should a severe weather event interfere with power generation in the Lake Hefner area. The City of Oklahoma City provides primary and supplemental water to 18 communities and rural water districts, including Norman, Moore, Tinker Air Force Base, Mustang, Canadian County, Rural Water District No. 3, El Reno, Yukon, Bethany, Blanchard, Newcastle, Warr Acres, The Village, Piedmont, and Edmond.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress