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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Winter Springs Village Reclaimed Water Main Extension** for fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Winter Springs**, located at 1126 East SR 434, Winter Springs, FL, 32708.

The City is currently approaching the limits of their Potable Water Consumptive Use Permit (CUP). A large contributor to domestic potable water usage within the City is the use of potable water for irrigation purposes. Many neighborhoods/subdivisions within the City do not have access to a reclaimed water main and therefore cannot connect to the city system. The extension of the city's reclaimed water transmission system will allow for more users to transition from potable water irrigation to reclaimed water irrigation, to alleviate the strain on the city's potable water system. The subdivisions included in this project scope could reduce potable water consumption by approximately 50,000 gallons per day.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to expand the reclaimed water infrastructure for the subdivisions and communities identified in this project, with potential further extensions later on. The communities that would be connected are located within the City of Winter Springs which is located in Seminole County. This will aid in reducing the City's current potable water consumption, which will provide more capacity for future development to occur. This will provide more income to the City from additional tax revenue from residential and commercial growth. Direct users will also have their utility rates reduced when using reclaimed water for irrigation, thereby saving them money that can generate more spending within the City.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

Cory Mills
Member of Congress