

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0603**

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

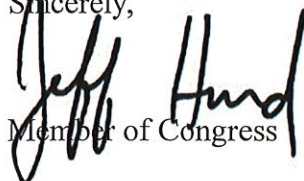
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Town of De Beque Secondary Water Source** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located in the Town of De Beque, Colorado. At 2155 45 ½ Road De Beque, CO 81630. The funding would be used to develop a secondary water source that will provide a reliable backup supply during times when the Colorado River, its primary source, experiences high turbidity due to seasonal runoff. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project benefits the public by ensuring continuous access to safe, clean drinking water, even when the river's sediment levels overwhelm the existing treatment system. It also enhances the Town's emergency preparedness and public health protections by maintaining water availability during natural disasters, infrastructure failures, or contamination events. Investing in this infrastructure is a responsible use of taxpayer dollars, as it proactively addresses a known vulnerability, aligns with state and federal goals for sustainable water systems, and avoids higher costs associated with emergency response or service disruptions. This project is critical to protecting the community's health, safety, and long-term resilience. 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,



Member of Congress