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Chairman Tom Cole
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2025 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following project in Tennessee's second congressional district:

Project Name: Friendsville Water System Replacement

Entity: City of Friendsville

Address: 213 West College Avenue, Friendsville, TN 37737

Project Description: The City of Friendsville requests funding to replace 2", 4", and 6" water line with new 6" and 8" SDR 17 PVC water line. The proposed project area includes the old, more economically depressed downtown area of the City of Friendsville. The existing water line includes both galvanized and asbestos cement that were constructed over sixty years ago. All existing water lines have water loss problems and need frequent repair. None of the existing water lines to be replaced have adequate pressure or flow to accommodate fire protection, but the proposed project will sustain fire hydrants. All water lines will be looped in to allow no end-of-line flushing except at one dead-end road. All water lines will be designed for future growth, and better pressure and flow throughout the water system.

Project Justification: Upgrading the City of Friendsville water system will affect more than 2,300 water customers, or 5,842 residents and businesses in the south Blount County area. The upgraded system will allow Friendsville and Blount County to grow and enhance the expansion of facilities to serve residential, commercial, and industrial growth in the Second Congressional District. Overall, growth in the Friendsville and Blount County area has been stymied due to lack of adequate water lines and this will help meet the current need as well as accommodate future development and jobs. The proposed improvement will help reduce by 40% water loss in the present water system, allow more efficient and cost-saving operations, and open areas for new development.

Federal Nexus: 42 USC 530 5(a)(2)

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above project. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett,
Member of Congress

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