



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

March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Washington Drinking Water Well Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Washington, located at 215 E. Washington Street, Washington, IA 52353.

The funding for this project involves the construction of a fourth municipal well to address a long-standing deficiency in Washington's water capacity. While residential needs are met, the current three-well system is insufficient for industrial development, causing the City to be overlooked for major business relocation projects. By adding a fourth well, the City will secure the necessary capacity to support both current residents and future industrial partners.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it mitigates the cumulative financial impact of essential infrastructure on its citizens. While a new well is a non-negotiable requirement for system reliability and growth, the current rate structure is already strained by recent compliance-driven treatment plant projects. Federal support ensures that this project moves forward without triggering a localized affordability crisis.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.  
Member of Congress