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April 29, 2022

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

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding to replace the aging water distribution system for the Town of Empire in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Empire, located at 30 E. Park Avenue, Empire, CO 80438. The historic Town of Empire is a Statutory Town located in Clear Creek County, Colorado.

The funding would be used to replace the aging water distribution system for the Town of Empire, which experienced a water emergency in March. Many residents and businesses had no water and were left to rely on bottled water and a centralized water tanker provided by the Town. Most of the water infrastructure in the Town, including mains, fire hydrants, and valves, is nearly 80 years old, and it has now reached the point where replacement of this system is critical to the provision of safe, reliable water to everyone in the Town of Empire. The Town's water supply will not be truly secure until the aging water distribution system is replaced. If funded, the Town of Empire will be able to construct improved infrastructure within 12 months of funding, which, in addition to the planned source water upgrades this year, will provide the Town with a stable system for years to come.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Neguse".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress

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