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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

I am requesting \$1,296,000 for the Tellico Plains Water Storage Tank Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Tellico Plains, located at 405 Veterans Memorial Dr, Tellico Plains, TN 37385. The town does not have the required state minimum of adequate water storage, which must be resolved as soon as possible. The Sanitary Survey of the state regulator has reflected insufficient storage for two straight inspections, and the town is not meeting regulatory standards causing public health concerns. The benefits from the proposed project include giving the water system adequate storage to serve all customers for a period of one day before it has a lack of supply in case of an emergency, which also happened in the past year. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would place Tellico Plains back in compliance with state regulations to the benefit of the health and safety of all current residents.

This 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. 300-j12.

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress