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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Oak Ridge Legacy Water Treatment Plant in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oak Ridge, TN, located at P.O. Box 1, 200 S. Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. The funding would be used to support the decommissioning of the City's WWII-era Water Treatment Plant, which is at the end of its operational life. The City of Oak Ridge is currently constructing a New Water Treatment Plant, which will significantly improve the efficiency of production, management, and delivery of potable water to serve citizens, businesses, and industries in Oak Ridge, including the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex, the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program, and advanced nuclear energy companies located in the city. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it not only supports national security missions conducted at facilities located in the City of Oak Ridge but also attracts new nuclear energy research, demonstration, and production work that will increase the nation's energy independence.

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,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress