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The Honorable Mike Simpson
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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Related Agencies
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Mike Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

I am requesting \$4,960,000 for the I-75 Exit 52 Water System Improvement Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Athens Utilities Board located at 100 New Englewood Road, Athens, TN 37303. The funding would be used for a 500,000-gallon elevated water tank, 2,500 feet of 12-inch diameter water main, 200 feet of 24-inch diameter road bore, and a 700-gpm water booster pump. The existing water system does not supply adequate water pressure due to the lengthy water supply mains and the land elevations in the region. Current residents are underserved and several proposed residential and commercial projects in the region have been denied due to the pressure and resulting flow issues. An elevated tank with its supporting water main and booster station will provide increased water pressure needed in the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address several issues, namely water quality, inadequate pressure and flows, growth, economic development, and fire suppression.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by Section 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114-322).

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