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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-310, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee H-130, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5 million in community project funding for the rehabilitation of a potable water storage tank in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Oak Ridge, located at P.O. Box 1, 200 S. Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. The rehabilitation of the storage tank unit accompanies the City's investment in new treatment facilities and new major trunk mains to the city potable water system. It is of highest priority due to the vulnerability of the existing, aged structure that provides water storage in a secure setting for residential and industrial customers. The project is particularly timely and needed to help support new clean energy development that is estimated to create several hundred jobs in Oak Ridge over the next few years. The \$5 million request will support a significant component of the comprehensive water treatment system that was not funded in the original project plan due to price and logistic escalation.

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann

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