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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 funding for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Environmental Protection located at 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Queens New York 11368.

The funding would be used replace  $\sim 300$  lead service lines in this district as part of the NYC DEP's Lead Service Line Replacement Program to provide free lead service line replacements to some eligible property owners. This would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would directly benefit the residents of the 300 buildings that would receive new service lines. Lead is a known health risk. The EPA and other public health agencies have determined that there is no level of lead that is safe for consumption.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,

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