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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Otsego Wellhouse #3 Drinking Water Treatment Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Otsego, located at 13400 90th Street NE, Otsego, MN 55330.

The funding would be used for design and construction of drinking water treatment improvements for the City of Otsego. Treatment will be added to remove manganese, radium, and iron and will include process equipment, piping, valves and appurtenances, mechanical and electrical systems, site work and architectural. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because all of the City's wells have radium present and some exceed the primary drinking water standard and adding treatment for the removal of radium will correct this situation. Additionally, the majority of City wells have manganese concentrations above the recommended threshold. This project for water treatment improvements at Well House 3 will allow all residents to receive drinking water that is below the HBV for manganese.

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,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress