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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of St. Cloud Water Main Replacement project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Toho Water Authority, located at 951 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Kissimmee, Florida 34741.

The funding would be used to replace aging, and in some cases, undersized infrastructure at four locations in the water system. Two of the projects will address galvanized steel pipe in downtown St. Cloud along Connecticut and Minnesota Avenues. The remaining two projects will replace and upsize aging water pipe crossing US 192 at Columbia Avenue and Missouri Avenue. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve water quality, improve pressures, and improve resiliency of the water system due to a reduced potential for leaks and breaks.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Darren Soto

Member of Congress