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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Meridian Medical District Treated Water Storage project in Meridian, Mississippi, in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Meridian located at 311 27th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, 39301. The funding would provide for a new water storage facility in the City's Medical District to ensure safe and sufficient water is available for critical water use. The Medical District includes two hospitals and several medical offices and serves 230,000 people within a 45-mile radius of Meridian, including two military facilities—Naval Air Station Meridian and Key Field. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Medical District has experienced outages that interrupt service to the medical facilities that need water, especially for life-critical activities such as dialysis and surgeries; and it is critical for the Medical District to have reliable water infrastructure as it serves patients from Meridian, West Alabama, and nearby military facilities.

This 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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