

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515-1501**

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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Interior,  
Environment, & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$2,000,000 for the Peosta Water Systems Improvement project at the City of Peosta's Cox Springs Road Water Treatment Facility as a community project funding request through EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund account. The intended recipient is the City of Peosta, located at 7896 Burds Road, Peosta, Iowa 52068.

The City of Peosta is in critical need of an upgraded wastewater facility to keep pace with growing demand in the community. Peosta has experienced tremendous growth over the past decade, with a population increase of 38% between 2010 and 2020. This growth has put a significant strain on the city's water infrastructure, which struggles to meet the demand of its residents. The production capacity of Peosta's current system has left the city in violation of state requirements for water capacity. In addition to its need for greater production capacity, the city needs an additional water tower to meet the storage demands required by code. Their current water tower is at the end of its useful life and is not of adequate size to meet the demands of the rapidly growing city.

These funds will support a portion of the city's \$4.7 million project to construct a 250 gallon per minute well and wellhouse, a 400,000-gallon water tower, and a watermain extension to connect to the system. These improvements are critical to meet minimum required state codes and to provide adequate and safe drinking water to community. Without addressing these problems, the city risks a moratorium on growth, not to mention the continued health and safety risks faced by its nearly 2,000 residents due to the outdated water infrastructure.

This project has garnered significant support from the Peosta community and will facilitate further economic growth in the years to come. I strongly urge the Committee to include this

community project funding request in the FY24 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ashley" and last name "Hinson" clearly distinguishable.

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Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations