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## Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515–1501

May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Belle Plaine Drinking Water Resiliency Project as a community project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Belle Plaine, located at 1207 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208. This project will occur at several locations across the City of Belle Plaine.

These funds will support the construction of systems for quality and reliable drinking water sourcing for the residents of Belle Plaine, Iowa. The City of Belle Plaine has faced extreme drought in recent years, severely affecting the community's water quality and availability. Due to challenges with the community's water supply, the city initiated water restrictions in 2023 to ensure water remained available for the city's residents. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that the City of Belle Plaine has improved water infrastructure to provide abundant, clean water for the city's roughly 2,300 residents.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations