

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3313

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Benson Water Transmission Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the the Town of Benson, located at 303 E . Church St., PO Box 69, Benson NC, 27504. The funding would be used for the replacement of approximately 346 LF of 6" watermain with 12" watermain, and the extension of approximately 2,507 LF of 12" watermain. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will support economic development in the Town of Benson, including Vulcan Elements' \$913 million dollar, 1,000 job, rare earth magnet manufacturing facility.

The 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 have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Brad Knott
Member of Congress