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

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Race Street Water Main Replacement Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wilksburg-Penn Joint Water Authority (WPJWA), located at 2200 Robinson Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15221.

The funding would replace approximately 1,200 linear feet of aging 8-inch water main along with associated system components including service connections, valves, and hydrants. The project will include:

- Installation of 1,200 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main
- Replacement of approximately 30 individual water service connections
- Installation of one new fire hydrant
- Installation of six new water system valves to improve system isolation and maintenance capability
- Full roadway restoration including curb-to-curb paving

This segment of water main has experienced numerous breaks over the past several years due to age, soil conditions, and elevated operating pressures in the area. Recent failures have been severe. During one recent break, a large cavity formed beneath the roadway, swallowing an Authority vehicle during response operations. These events demonstrate the urgency of replacing the failing infrastructure before additional failures cause roadway collapse, vehicle damage, or injury. Additionally, when the water main fails it releases significant volumes of water and sediment that flow downhill onto Race Street near the Parkway corridor, creating hazardous roadway conditions and impacting nearby transportation routes. Replacing the failing main will significantly reduce emergency repairs and improve public safety. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because replacing the aging main will eliminate a known hazard and stabilize the roadway as well as significantly reduce the frequency of water outages and pressure disruptions experienced by local residents and businesses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300f et seq.).

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

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C".

Chris Deluzio  
Member of Congress