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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Okabena Water System Improvements Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Okabena, MN, located at 101 North Main Ave, Okabena, MN 56161.

The funding would be leveraged to repair, replace, and reconstruct Okabena's drinking water distribution system to provide the residents and businesses of Okabena with a safe and dependable drinking water system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the distribution system has experienced an increased number of watermain failures which elevates the risk for system contamination and interrupts residents' supply of drinking water.

The 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.

Sincerely,

Brad Finstad

Member of Congress

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