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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Eagle Lake Water Treatment Improvements Project to provide safe drinking water to residents and address water quality issues. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Eagle Lake, MN, located at 705 Parkway Avenue, PO Box 159, Eagle Lake, MN 56024.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new water treatment facility to provide clean drinking water to residents and address water quality issues, including high levels of manganese. Eagle Lake has two wells, both of which tested above Minnesota Department of Health guidelines of 100 parts per billion for infants. Manganese concentration in the City of Eagle Lake's water averages 200 parts per billion and their current treatment system is unable to treat manganese.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project seeks to ensure access to safe drinking water for all residents. At this time, Public Works staff isolate and remove minerals and disinfect the well water before it is distributed to the public but have no way to reduce manganese within the current system.

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