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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
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Nerstrand Water Infrastructure Improvement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Nerstrand, MN, located at 221 Main Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053.

The funding would be leveraged to construct two new wells, a water filtration system, and a new water tower and watermains.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the significant deterioration of Nerstrand's drinking water infrastructure puts the health and safety of the community at risk. Currently, the City of Nerstrand only has one well, which puts the city in non-compliance with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) who requires two wells. The existing well is 70 years old and nearing the end of its expected service life. In order to meet the requirements for iron, manganese, and PFAS removal, the city will also need to install a source water filtration 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