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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Project in Caledonia, MN. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Caledonia, MN, located at 231 E Main Street, Caledonia, MN 55921.

The funding would be used for structural repairs, safety improvements, and re-coating the Caledonia water towers, which need documented structural and safety repairs to comply with OSHA, AWWA, and FAA standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a 2019 inspection report recommended recoating within five years to ensure safety and compliance for the City. There are numerous outdated worker safety features including ladders, catwalks, grates, lighting, manways, self-retracting lifelines, and venting. In addition, Tower 2 was tested and found to have a 15% lead content in the interior dry coating, which must be remediated to comply with state and federal standards. Further, Water Tower 2 suffered ice and water damage in 2023 resulting from improper drainage.

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