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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 – The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Mathiston- Water System Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Mathiston, located at 41 Mathis Drive, Mathiston, MS, 39752.

This is a responsible and impactful use of taxpayer funds because it addresses an urgent public health and safety need in a small, rural community that lacks the financial resources to tackle the issue alone. Investing in Mathiston's water infrastructure will prevent a potential crisis, protect residents, and ensure long-term system reliability at a relatively low cost. It's a smart, proactive investment that delivers essential services while supporting the well-being and growth of the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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