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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman,  
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member,  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

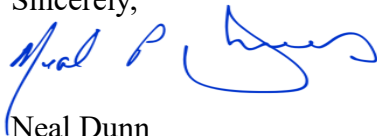
I am requesting funding for the Cherry Lakes Utilities' Aging Watermain Lines, Meters, and Fire Hydrants Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cherry Lakes Utilities, located at 257 NE Berkshire Road, Madison FL, 32340.

The funding would be used to replace aging watermain lines, associated meters and fire hydrants within its service area. Much of the existing infrastructure has reached the end of its useful life, increasing the risk of water loss, service interruptions, reduced water pressure, and limited fire protection capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because federal investment in this project will modernize critical utility infrastructure, protect public health, improve fire protection services, and promote long-term operational sustainability for the community served by Cherry Lake Utilities Corporation. Upgrading this infrastructure will improve system reliability, protect public health, and safeguard local water quality. Replacing deteriorated lines will also reduce long-term maintenance costs, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the resiliency of these essential utilities serving the residents.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Neal Dunn  
Member of Congress