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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 in funding for the Township of Lyndhurst Lead Service Line Removal Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Lyndhurst located at 367 Valley Brook Avenue Lyndhurst, NJ, 07071.

The Township of Lyndhurst Lead Service Line Removal Project would fund the removal and replacement of 2,132 lead service lines, including full replacement from the water main to the curb stop and from the curb stop to the house meter, as needed, ensuring complete removal of lead components. This project will also include approximately 15,500 linear feet of water main replacement. The Township of Lyndhurst Lead Service Line Removal Project is essential to protecting public health in NJ-09. Lead in drinking water poses serious health risks, especially for children, pregnant women, and other vulnerable populations, and New Jersey requires community water systems to identify and replace lead service lines. Lyndhurst is working to prioritize areas serving schools, licensed childcare centers, sensitive populations, and roadways that have not been paved in the last five years, ensuring the project is carried out efficiently and with maximum community benefit. Federal assistance is critical because the total cost of Lyndhurst's full lead service line replacement initiative is approximately \$29.3 million, an extraordinary burden for a municipality whose FY25 budget was approximately \$52.5 million.

The proposed project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will deliver direct benefits to NJ-09 by protecting families from lead exposure, improving critical drinking water infrastructure, supporting construction and engineering jobs, and helping ensure that all residents have access to safe and reliable drinking water.

The Township of Lyndhurst is able to meet the minimum 20% cost share requirement under the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving requirement.

The project complies with the federal nexus, as the project is a drinking water project found within Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the water transmission and delivery project under 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(ii).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nellie Pou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "N" and "P".

Nellie Pou

Member of Congress

9th Congressional District of New Jersey