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March 20, 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 \$3,648,000.00 in funding for the Borough of Oakland PFAS/PFOA Treatment Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Oakland located at 1 Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ 07436.

The Borough of Oakland PFAS/PFOA Treatment Project would fund the installation of a PFAS/PFAO treatment system for the borough's drinking water supply. The Soons Well Field is responsible for providing approximately 66% of Oakland's drinking water supply. Recent tests have indicated that PFAS levels at the site exceed new federal EPA requirements. In order to comply with this standard and ensure the provision of safe and healthy drinking water to our residents and businesses, it is necessary to install a PFAS/PFOA treatment system at this site.

The purpose and goal of installing a PFAS/PFAO granular activated carbon treatment system at Soons Well Field is to swiftly reduce PFAS levels in its water supply to comply with the new EPA's maximum contaminant levels standards and to safeguard the health of our residents. This treatment system will be installed at the single point of entry and will service all of the wells at the facility. By implementing these treatment systems, communities mitigate the adverse effects of PFAS exposure, ensuring cleaner, safer water for present and future generations.

The proposed project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project will mitigate the adverse effects of PFAS exposure, ensuring cleaner, safer water for present and future generations of residents of Oakland and New Jersey's 9th Congressional District.

The Borough of Oakland 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 clean water found within the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c) (Section 603(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act). This project is eligible under Category 1, "Treatment" in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility Handbook, which corresponds to Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(i) entitled "Treatment."

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

Sincerely,s

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

Nellie Pou

Member of Congress

9th Congressional District of New Jersey