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March 19, 2026

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
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

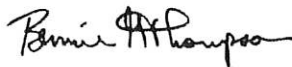
I am requesting funding for the Rural Water Associations Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, located at 316 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. The funding would be used to upgrade water infrastructure systems serving the Reed Town, St. Thomas, and Mount Olive Water Associations, including repairs, replacements, and system improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures access to safe drinking water, protects public health, and improves infrastructure reliability in rural communities.

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

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

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress