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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
2354 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request for Borough of Ambler

Dear Chair Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Wells 2, 6, 7 PFAS Treatment project in fiscal year 2024 through the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Borough of Ambler, located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA, 19002.

The funding will be used to fund engineering, design, permitting, and construction of a PFAS treatment system at Ambler Borough Well No. 2, located in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County. Well No. 2 is permitted for production of over 500,000 gallons per day (gpd) and in 2019, laboratory testing for this well indicated a combined concentration of 22.6 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA + PFOS, the highest at any of Ambler Borough Water Department's water sources. Additionally, Well No. 2 is located in close proximity to Ambler Well Nos. 6, 7 and 8, which are all situated around Loch Alsh Reservoir and include combined levels of PFOS + PFOA ranging from 8 -18 ppt. The treatment system at Well No. 2 could be designed and adequately sized to accommodate treatment of these additional sources in the future.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the wells provide drinking water to customers in Lower Gwynedd Township, Ambler Borough and Upper Dublin Township. By adding a PFAS treatment system, water customers of these areas will be protected from the harmful effects of PFOS / PFOA forever chemicals, as the treatment system will ensure the outflow of water to customers is free from PFAS contamination at a non-detect level.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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 that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress