April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the East Dunkard Water Authority (EDWA) to upgrade its waterline system for Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the East Dunkard Water Authority located at 2790 S. Eighty Eight Road, Dilliner, Pennsylvania 15327.

The funding, totaling $2,734,000, would be used to improve water quality to ensure water is safe to drink, decrease the financial burden to EDWA customers, ensure vehicles and other maintenance equipment is in operable condition to enable EDWA to properly maintain the water distribution system, and ensure operating plans are current and meet state environmental regulations and equipment critical to the water distribution system is operating correctly.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because in the past year, EDWA has had over 150 state regulatory violations. Residents have long suffered from poor quality and quantity of water, including brown water, poor/no pressure, and poor taste. Distribution system leaks are widespread and leak loss is estimated at 67%, which exceeds state regulations. This funding will allow EDWA to remediate those issues and transport drinking water safely to 1,600 residents in Dunkard Township, Perry Township, Whiteley Township, Greene Township, Monongahela Township, and Cumberland Township.

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

Very respectfully,

Guy Reschenthaler
Member of Congress