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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,600,000.00 for a Water Storage Tank project for the City of Galax in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is the City of Galax, Virginia, with offices located at 250 Fair Street, Galax, VA 24333.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will assist the City of Galax in constructing a new 1-million-gallon Ground Water Storage Tank to replace the existing City View Storage Tank, which is in advanced stages of deterioration. This project is a critical component of the City's broader effort to modernize its drinking water infrastructure and ensure uninterrupted water service for residents, businesses, schools, and the regional hospital.

During Hurricane Helene, the city and the regional hospital experienced water issues and had to truck in water from a surrounding county. Galax's current water storage tank can supply up to 8 hours of water during times of emergency. This project will allow the city to provide water to entities who need it for up to 24 hours.

Investing federal funding in the City of Galax's water storage tank replacement is a responsible and cost-effective use of taxpayer resources because it protects public health, prevents costly emergency failures, and ensures reliable infrastructure for an entire community and regional economy.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH  
Member of Congress