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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for a Water Storage Tank project for Wythe County in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is Wythe County, with offices located at 290 South 6th Street, Wytheville, VA 24382.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will construction-ready water infrastructure project to build a 2-million-gallon water storage tank and transmission infrastructure to increase regional water capacity, strengthen system resilience, and support economic development along the Interstate 77 and Interstate 81 corridor in Wythe County, Virginia.

Wythe County and the Town of Wytheville operate an interconnected regional water system serving residents, businesses, and major employers along the I-77/I-81 corridor. Current storage capacity leaves little margin between supply and demand, limiting the system’s ability to respond to peak usage, economic growth, or emergency disruptions.

During Hurricane Helene, historic flooding and extreme turbidity temporarily impacted operations at the New River Regional Water Authority pump station. Power outages and access issues forced the Town of Wytheville to implement water conservation measures and request that several large industries suspend operations to preserve system capacity.

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