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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Norton's Wells 4, 5, and 6 replacement.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Norton, located at John Scott Boulevard, Norton, MA 02766

The funding would be used for the Norton Water System, which is running at approximately half of its capacity. Wells 4, 5, and 6 require replacement to meet their original permitted capacity. These 3 wells provide approximately 70% of the water to the Norton water system. Without them, the Town would not have enough water for its customers. The project for Wells 5 and 6 is nearing design completion and requires funding for engineering bid, construction oversight, and well infrastructure construction. Well 4 requires test well drilling, permitting, production well drilling and pumping test, engineering design, bid, construction oversight, and well construction. The combined projects would increase capacity by ~1.05 million gallons per day (MGD)—water that could boost housing and mixed-use development in town.

All 3 of these wells pump directly to the new \$11 million, 2.5 MGD drinking water treatment plant (WTP) to remove iron and manganese. The WTP was placed into operation February 2020 and has provided exceptional potable drinking water to Norton customers ever since. Previously, about 80% of water customers experienced brown water discoloration. The new plant was instrumental in regaining the public's trust and confidence in the water system. The Town of Norton wants to build on that trust and confidence by continuing to enhance the water system with these much-needed water infrastructure improvement projects, the impacts of which will be realized system-wide. By receiving Community Project Funding for these projects, construction would be expedited and not burden Norton's current customers with water rate increases to fund these much-needed improvements.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Auchincloss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
Member of Congress
April 28, 2021