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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the City of Othello Regional Water Supply project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Othello, located at 500 E Main St., Othello, WA 99344.

The funding would be used to initiate the design phase of the Othello Regional Water Supply Project, which follows several years of development of the City's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) strategy. Othello is 100% reliant on a rapidly depleting groundwater supply and a permanent solution that will result in a sustainable, reliable, environmentally responsible water supply plan is not only a matter of utility infrastructure but a strategic investment in the economic future of the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aligns with the federal and state missions of supporting the longstanding agricultural sector, developing environmentally conscious and sustainable processes, and providing a wide range of job opportunities for all Washingtonians.

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 "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse  
Member of Congress