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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 for the City of Yakima's Water Access and Equity Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Yakima located at 129 North Second Street in Yakima, Washington, 98901.

The funding would be used to extend municipal drinking water and wastewater service to underserved neighborhoods that currently rely on shallow private wells and aging septic systems. These systems are increasingly unreliable due to drought conditions, limited aquifer recharge, and documented groundwater declines in the Yakima Basin.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public health, increase water reliability, and strengthen long-term infrastructure resilience by transitioning households to a regulated municipal system that meets modern water quality and environmental standards. The project will also help preserve housing stock, prevent property condemnation, and stabilize low-income neighborhoods where the cost of private system replacement often exceeds household financial capacity.

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. (Drinking Water Projects).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse

Member of Congress