

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2201**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Escanaba Watermain Upgrade and Lead Service Line Replacements in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Escanaba, located at 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829. The funding would be used for replacing lead-impacted water services and old undersized watermain, the repair of inoperable valves, and to ensure adequate fire flow throughout the City of Escanaba. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because safe and clean drinking water – along with a robust and efficient infrastructure system to deliver this water to households and businesses – is essential to the health and well-being of the city's residents and visitors, as the consumption of lead-contaminated water can lead to irreversible health effects and even death.

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,



Jack Bergman  
Member of Congress

