

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Covington Water District Reservoir Construction Project - Covington, WA project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Covington Water District.

The funding of \$5,000,000 would be used for the reservoir construction project for Covington, WA. The Covington Water District proposes the replacement of two water tanks with a new 5.7 million gallon reservoir. The project was identified within the Storage Capital Improvement Projects in the District's 2016 Water System Plan as well as the District's adopted 2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Both existing tanks are seismically deficient in their foundations, anchorage to their foundations, and their shell wall steel needed to resist compression buckling. A catastrophic failure of one of the tanks would result in the destruction of the water district's headquarters or any nearby maintenance facilities. The tanks provide storage for the District's 660 Pressure Zone, which services a population of 18,188 (40% of all consumer connections within the District) and the Lake Meridian Water District, with a population of roughly 21,000. The District's ability to provide potable water storage and fire protection to the downtown business core of the City of Covington is jeopardized by the instability of these tanks.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress