

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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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, 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 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Covington Water District, located at 18631 SE 300<sup>th</sup> Place, Covington, WA 98042.

The funding 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 project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because 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 the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress