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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Rincon Chimney Road to Old Augusta Waterline Extension project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rincon, located at 302 S. Columbia Ave, Rincon, Georgia 31326.

The funding would be used to upgrade existing 8" waterline with over 21,000 feet of 16" waterline that will eliminate existing water pressure issues while also permitting the line to maintain adequate PSI while water tanks serving the incoming Sewon facility and approximately 5,000,000 square feet of warehouse space that will also be located in the project area along Old Augusta Road in Rincon.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide both a much-needed enhancement to a stressed waterline that is inadequate but will create the final portion of a looped system that will serve both city and county residents, existing industry, and already announced industry. This project is of the highest priority for Rincon as there have been numerous economic development projects announced that will be in this project area with the most recent being that of Sewon America's \$300 million assembly plant that will support the operations of Hyundai's EV facility less than 17 miles away. This announcement was made directly from Government Brian Kemp's office and puts the city in the position of expediting this project without adequate funding being secured. Sewon will be operational by October 2024 with Hyundai's facility, which is slated to employ over 7,000 residents of the region, shortly thereafter. Additionally, this project will provide relief in water pressure issues to city and county residents that have suffered due to the number of connections to an undersized line. This is need because of the increased demand on the system from expanding industries and growth at the Georgia Port in Savannah.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Earl L. "Buddy" Carter Member of Congress