

The Honorable Sarah McBride
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee
Subcommittee on Europe
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& Intelligence
House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the South Smyrna Well and Treatment Plan Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Smyrna located at 27 S Market St, Smyrna, DE 19977.

This funding will support construction of a new well and water treatment plant in Smyrna to replace an aging system drawing from an iron-rich aquifer that causes brown water and high maintenance costs. The new system will tap into the cleaner Columbia aquifer and includes decommissioning the old well house. With design underway, construction will begin once funding is secured.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it replaces aging infrastructure that is not only costly to maintain but also delivers poor water quality due to an iron-rich aquifer. The new system will provide cleaner, safer water while reducing operational costs, eliminating the need for frequent emergency repairs, and avoiding future piecemeal fixes. By investing in a durable, efficient water source and treatment facility, this project ensures long-term savings, strengthens essential public services, and maximizes the impact of federal dollars through sound fiscal stewardship.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(i) and 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(iii).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride'.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress