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Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee  
  
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House Space, Science, and  
Technology Committee  
  
Subcommittee on Research and  
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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 Town of Magnolia Water Storage Tower Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Magnolia, located at 3 W Walnut St, Magnolia, DE 19962.

This funding will support vital water infrastructure improvements in the Town of Magnolia by replacing a deteriorating 50,000-gallon tank built in 1928, ensuring reliable water pressure, supply, and fire protection for 325 customers—including a school, restaurant, and the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. The current system cannot meet demand, placing 12,600 residents at risk, with recent fires consuming a third of the town's water supply in a single day.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides lasting public value through essential infrastructure modernization. It will replace Magnolia's failing 50,000-gallon water tank with a fully engineered system that ensures reliable service and fire protection for over 12,000 residents. As a shovel-ready public works project in a small town with no capacity to meet cost-share requirements, it represents a fiscally responsible investment that improves safety, reduces emergency costs, and supports community revitalization.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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