April 25, 2022

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro & Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $9,600,000 in funding for the construction of a reservoir and water transmission line in the City of Philippi to act as a supplemental supply of drinking water.

The project sponsor is the City of Philippi and is located at 108 North Main Street, Philippi, WV 26416.

The City of Philippi’s water system relies on the Tygart River as its sole source of raw water. This presents major issues during times of low flows and increased demand. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an increased demand for water as more people are working from home. The current system is having trouble meeting the needs of local residential, commercial, and industrial customers within Philippi and the surrounding area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will ensure the community has a reliable source of potable water in and around Philippi. Additionally, if this project is completed, it will allow for the retention of approximately 520 jobs and will create at least 30 new jobs in the community. Furthermore, this project is estimated to result in at least $6 million in additional community investment, over the next five years.

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

Sincerely,

David B. McKinley, P.E.
Member of Congress