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March 20, 2026

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, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mine Hill Transite Water Main Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mine Hill Township, New Jersey, located at 10 Baker Street, Mine Hill, NJ 07803.

The funding would be used for a water main project that will replace 5,307 linear feet of Transite water main. Transite is an asbestos-cement pipe made of 20% asbestos. These pipes have been in the ground for over 40 years and have started to fail. The proposed project, including replacement of in-service transite (AC) pipe, represents a proactive and responsible approach to infrastructure management. Replacement will improve system efficiency, water quality, lower repair costs, and help preserve the long-term reliability of the water distribution system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will replace the failing and hazardous asbestos pipe, ensure clean, safe drinking water, and protect Mine Hill's infrastructure for generations to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.  
Member of Congress