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The Honorable Tom Cole
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H-307, 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 \$4,000,000 for the City of Satellite Beach, Florida, for The Kaela Holmes Safe Drinking Water Project for Brevard Students. The funding provided for this project will be used to purchase and install 1000 carbon filtered water bottle filling stations to remove Perfluorinated compounds from the water for students attending Brevard County Public Schools. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Satellite Beach, Florida, located at 565 Cassia Boulevard, Satellite Beach, Florida 32937.

Perfluorinated compounds, such as PFAs and PFOs, have been identified as hazardous toxic chemicals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently published a national drinking water standard for these forever chemicals and has designated a number of these compounds under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980. Satellite Beach is a community impacted by the release of these forever chemicals and the city wishes to make drinking water safe for residents who attend public schools in the city.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect the health and safety of school children at threat from a hazardous pollutant present in the water supply. Water samples related to the hazard is documented in CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTATNCES (PFAS) WATER SAMPLING MEMORANDUM REPORT, dated December 18, 2018.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq. and funding from the state drinking water revolving fund.

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

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress