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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Water Remediation efforts for the Borough of Park Ridge – Park Ridge Water Department in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Park Ridge – Park Ridge Water Department, located at 55 Park Ave, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

The Borough of Park Ridge owns and operates a Public Water System, nominally the Park Ridge Water Department (PRWD), regulated under PWSID No. NJ0247001. PRWD serves both the Borough proper, and the neighboring Woodcliff Lake community, with a total service population of approximate 17,000 people. Currently, three (3) stations – Wells 12, 14, and 18 – have exhibited concentrations of the drinking water contaminant Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), in excess of NJDEP’s maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 14 nanograms per liter (ng/L) or parts per trillion (ppt). Once these exceedances were identified, the Borough took these wells out of service. The intent of this project is the design, permitting, and construction of water treatment systems for the removal of PFAS compounds from the drinking water supplied to the customers of Park Ridge Water. PFAS compounds are a large group of chemicals, which have been deemed “Forever Chemicals”.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress