



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$100,000 in funding for the Sussex Borough Water Utility Improvement Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Sussex, located at 2 Main Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. The entity is a local government entity. The project location is the Sussex Borough Water Treatment Plant, located on Route 23 just northwest of the Wantage Municipal Center.

The funding would be used for purchasing an Acoustic Leak Detection System and funding for repairs to the current main. Sussex Borough is a small rural community with a water and sewer utility that has been running at a deficit. They have been forced to raise water and sewer rates to cover expenses and necessary capital improvements. The Borough maintains a Water Utility system that is more than 100 years old. The system routinely suffers leaks, some detected and some unnoticed, until there is a broken pipe. There is no way to detect leaks and repair them before they become breaks.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to ensure the health and safety of the utility's customers who rely on a water system that works. It will be an excellent use of taxpayer funds to keep the water utility solvent while providing needed equipment and repairs.

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 "J. Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS