

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for electrical modifications and improvements to Olathe Water Treatment Plant No. 2 in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Olathe, located at 100 E Santa Fe Street, Olathe, KS, 66061. The funding would be used to install backup generators at two of the City's horizontal collector wells, providing necessary risk mitigation should power be lost at the wells due to weather, natural disaster, etc. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City currently only has backup generators at 2 of its 4 horizontal collector wells. Currently if power is lost at the collector well field, the City loses almost half of its raw water capacity from these wells, dropping from 22.9 MGD (Million gallons per day) to 11.7 MGD. During peak summer demands, this leaves the City unable to provide sufficient water to meet demands. Installation of these two generators will greatly benefit the residents of Olathe.

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,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress