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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3311**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Spruce Pine Water Infrastructure Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity receiving funding for this project is the Town of Spruce Pine, NC, located at 11050 NC-226, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. This project will fund the construction of a new elevated water storage tank to address deficiencies in the current municipal water system, including severe system pressure drops, inadequate water supply, and the need for boil water advisories.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it supports the delivery of safe, reliable, and adequate potable water, while supporting fire protection, business vitality in the community's commercial sector, and upholding public health standards.

This 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,  


Chuck Edwards

Member of Congress