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Task Force On Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, And Economic
Prosperity

March 20th, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Build Up Cook Phase II: Water Infrastructure Projects for the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management,, located at 69 W. Washington, Suite 3100, Chicago IL 60602. The funding would be used to conduct pre-construction activities for Phase II of the Build Up Cook (BUC) program.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable identification of deteriorating infrastructure and prioritization of replacements to prevent contamination/boil orders. These investments will fast-track capital improvements to reduce contamination risks and regulatory violations in 23 of the most under-served and under-resourced municipalities in Cook County.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SCasten", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sean Casten
Member of Congress