

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

March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to address manganese levels in two public wells serving the Santee Sioux Nation, in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santee Sioux Nation, located at 108 Spirit Lake Ave., Niobrara, NE 68760. The funding would be used for to build a new building for the community's fire and emergency medical services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address unsafe drinking water, improving its potability in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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. 300j12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



ADRIAN SMITH  
Member of Congress