

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Secures \$300,000 for New Water Line**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) said today he has secured \$300,000 in federal money for a new water line through Sandhills National Forest in Chesterfield County. The funds were included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act the House passed on Monday.

The project is a joint effort between Chesterfield County and Alligator Rural Water and Sewer Company. It will provide additional potable water for the central and eastern portions of the county and serve as an emergency backup for the Town of Chesterfield.

“Chesterfield County has suffered significant water shortages over the past six years,” said Spratt. “During last year’s drought, some wells nearly ran dry. The new water line will loop water systems in the area, and tap into Alligator’s system which feeds on the Middendorf Aquifer, making plenty of water available during dry spells.”

Spratt said the line will also replace well water with high concentrations of tri-halo-methanes (THMs), a proven carcinogen.

“This loop will make sure that the citizens of Chesterfield County have a good, clean supply of drinking water. And this water supply will be equally as important to commercial and industrial development,” said Spratt.

Spratt said that federal funds are needed to make this water line viable because there are not enough users along its way to pay for the line. “This \$300,000 grant is just a down-payment on the total cost, but it will lower the amount that has to be borrowed and repaid to build the water line.”

Spratt said the Senate might not take up the Omnibus Appropriations Act until mid-January. “Until the omnibus bill passes the Senate, and the President signs it, provisions of this kind are still in play,” said Spratt. “But Senator Hollings has been a great help in the Senate, and with his help, we are optimistic that it will pass.”

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