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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brown County Regional Sewer District (BCRSD) Lake Lemon Phase 1 Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Brown County Regional Sewer District, located at 201 Locust Lane, Nashville, IN 47448. The funding would be used to complete engineering design of a sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to provide residents and businesses in the Bean Blossom Creek watershed, including the eastern portion of Lake Lemon in Brown and part of Monroe counties, with safe and economical sanitary sewer services. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the entire Bean Blossom Creek watershed has been identified by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 303 (d) as "Impaired" from E. coli contamination. Since the early 2000's, the entire watershed has exceeded acceptable levels of E. coli as established by U.S. EPA and IDEM.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Erin Houchin
Member of Congress