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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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Batesville Stormwater System Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Batesville, located at 132 S Main Street, Batesville, Indiana 47006. The funding would be used for the construction of a new storm sewer system along Six Pine Ranch Road, including the installation of new 48-inch high-performance stormwater pipe, precast drainage structures, erosion control measures, and the abandonment and closure of a deteriorating stormwater line that currently runs underneath an existing business facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it replaces aging stormwater infrastructure that lacks the capacity to support existing businesses and anticipated development along the Six Pine Ranch Road corridor. The current stormwater line poses a direct risk to a major local manufacturer employing more than 477 people, as a section of the deteriorating line runs beneath its facility. A failure could cause significant structural damage and disrupt operations. The project also supports the construction of a new hospital campus, which is expected to create 1,210 jobs and expand healthcare access for more than 65,000 residents across four counties. Upgrading this critical infrastructure will protect existing employers, enable continued economic growth, and ensure the long-term reliability and safety of the area's drainage system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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
Indiana's 9th Congressional District