

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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:

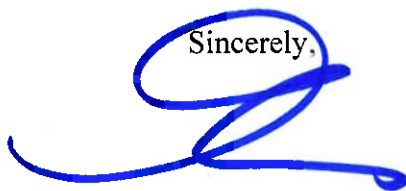
I am requesting funding for the Dillman Sanitary Sewer Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Bloomington Utilities, located at 600 E Miller Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401.

The funding would be used for improvements to the Dillman Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase the plant's collection system capacity, decrease sanitary sewer overflows, and decrease the likelihood of environmental impacts to Clear Creek. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements are necessary to support the development of the nearby Summit District, a planned mixed-housing development that will support up to 5,000 units housing up to 10,000 residents, while also supporting increased manufacturing operations at pharmaceutical plants in Bloomington; without the planned improvements, the City cannot accommodate this growth while protecting the health and quality of the region's watershed and natural resources.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by it is for the 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