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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 Ellettsville Sewer Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Ellettsville, located at 1150 W Guy Mccown Drive, Ellettsville, Indiana 47429. The funding would be used for the extension of sanitary sewer service from Ellettsville to the Monroe County Airport, including the installation of gravity sewer lines, construction of new sanitary manholes, development of a lift station, and approximately 10,200 linear feet of 6-inch HDPE force main. Supporting work includes site preparation, erosion and sediment control, and final site restoration.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical infrastructure gap at a strategic location that currently lacks the wastewater capacity necessary to support economic and residential development. The Monroe County Airport corridor is limited in development potential without access to sewer service, which is a key requirement for industrial, commercial, and aviation-related employers. This investment will provide the foundational infrastructure needed to support business attraction and retention, open new areas for future residential development, and strengthen the local tax base. The project also improves environmental and public health outcomes by reducing reliance on septic systems.

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