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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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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 US31 36-Inch Stormwater Pipe Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Austin, Indiana, located at 80 West Main St., Austin, IN 47102.

The funding would be used for replacement of approximately 3,200 linear feet of 36-inch stormwater pipe along US31, including pipe installation, materials, construction, engineering, and surveying. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing this failing stormwater pipe prevents far more costly future damage including flooding, road washouts, property damage, and emergency repairs; the project improves public safety along US31, protects homes and businesses from flooding in the upstream watershed, and reduces potential impacts to Manaugh Park Lake.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(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