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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lift Station and Force Main Improvements project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of South Beloit, located at 519 Blackhawk Boulevard, South Beloit, Illinois 61080. The funding would be used for the replacement of the failing Lift Station No. 1 and the associated Force Main that transports sewage from the west side of the Rock River to the new South Beloit Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this design alternative will allow the City to eliminate one of their lift station sites, while also limiting the length of the existing river crossing by moving to in a location that is not nearly as wide as the current force main crossing. The completion of this project will allow for the continued development of the west side of South Beloit, allow for continued sewer service for existing residents, and also create the ability for a future connection with the Village of Rockton's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The ability to continue to allow development to occur in this area of the city will have significant positive impact to constituents in my district, along with the creation of a significant number of construction related jobs for the region.

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,

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Member of Congress

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