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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,878,000 in funding for the City of Sneedville for Wastewater System Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sneedville located at 292 Jail Street, Sneedville, TN 37869. The funding would be used to modernize the City of Sneedville's wastewater system. It will rehabilitate the main sewer pump station, install dissolved oxygen controls to the treatment units, and construct dewatering facilities. Additionally, the project will rehabilitate the main lift station, increase pumping capacity to better manage peak flows. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable wastewater infrastructure is essential to supporting existing businesses, accommodating long-term projected demand, and maintaining resident and community development. Infrastructure failures can disrupt commerce, deter investment, and create environmental liabilities. By investing proactively in system improvements now, the City is protecting prior public investments, extending the life of critical assets, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars generate long-term financial and community benefits rather than recurring crisis-driven expenditures.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Harshbarger".

Diana Harshbarger
Member of Congress