

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Elizabethtown's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Compliance, Resiliency, and Capacity Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to provide reimbursement for the engineering, site and utility, and administrative costs of a new 1.225 million gallons per day (MGD) Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment train constructed parallel to the existing Elizabethtown WWTP.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides clean water to and expanded capacity for one of the fastest expanding areas in the state. Additionally, enhancing water infrastructure increases property values and stimulates economic development in the region, leading to higher tax revenues for local governments. Improved water access also bolsters community resilience, reducing the need for costly emergency interventions during disasters. Federal funding connects residences and families to safe, clean water while reducing rate increases system wide.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1344 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024, Public Law 118-272, which authorizes assistance for environmental infrastructure in Southeastern North Carolina.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

