

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Lumberton's Wastewater System Improvement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lumberton located at 500 North Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 28358 P.O. Box 1388. The funding would be used to make improvements to three sewer lift stations that are older than 20 years old, rehabilitation of gravity sewer that is over 40 years old and provide additional backup generation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Hurricanes Matthew and Florence devastated eastern North Carolina, and since then the City of Lumberton has struggled to keep up with needed repairs to its wastewater treatment facility and overall delivery system. The city is situated in Robeson County, one of the lowest per capita income and highest poverty rate counties in North Carolina. Local government is tasked with serving its citizens with reliable wastewater treatment, but at affordable rates. Thus, community leaders have been implored to keep both water and sewer rates low to continue to serve these individuals. The City of Lumberton seeks relief from this burden by in the form of federal funding to make the necessary repairs to its wastewater treatment system, without adding debt.

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,



David Rouzer
Member of Congress