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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bloomington East Street Basin Stormwater Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bloomington, located at 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL, 61701. The funding would be used to relocate existing stormwater pipes to make room for three new stormwater basins (to be constructed) and separate a combined sewer. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements allow the City of Bloomington's stormwater system to be able to manage 100-year flooding events that are occurring more frequently. Without these improvements, roads become impassible during rain events and multiple residences are put at risk of flooding.

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 the project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Eric Sorensen Member of Congress