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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 Elmwood Wastewater Lagoon Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Elmwood, located at 201 W Main St, PO Box 439, Elmwood, IL, 61529. The funding would be used to remove sludge from the bottom of the wastewater lagoon's four cells (ponds) and will replace the system's existing rock filter. The sludge that remains on the bottom of the cell will be pumped to a tanker truck or directly to a farm field. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the lagoons discharge into a nearby creek which empties into the Illinois River. This project will protect the waterways from contamination by sewage.

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