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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 Water Resources and Development Act German Valley Wastewater Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to install a polishing reactor and a new lift station. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because failing to provide the infrastructure will result in additional Illinois EPA violations and increased rates for residents who are rapidly approaching the federal affordability ratio of 1.5%.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1304 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272).

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

Sincerely,



Rep. Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress