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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Village of Winchester, Ohio Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Winchester, Ohio, located at 24 W. Washington St., Winchester, Ohio 45697.

The Winchester Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project will expand and modernize the regional plant that services the northern portion of Adams County, Ohio. The project will help address the Findings and Orders issued from the Ohio EPA regarding failing septic tanks in the nearby unincorporated area of Cherry Fork. Additionally, the plant will serve a newly constructed 55-acre industrial park and add capacity for growth. Upgrading the plant will also benefit nearby property owners and the regional environment by discharging a quality effluent into the creeks and rivers. This project is estimated to impact over 1,300 people and dozens of local businesses.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Winchester Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project represents a crucial investment in the future of Adams County, Ohio. These funds will address critical infrastructure needs, support economic vitality, enhance environmental sustainability, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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,

Congressman David Taylor Ohio's Second Congressional District

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