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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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Locust Grove Sanitary Sewer Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Adams County Board of Commissioners, located at 215 N. Cross Street, Room 102, West Union, Ohio 45693.

The funding would be used for the construction of the Locust Grove Sanitary Sewer Project, including all necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure required to serve the affected residences and convey wastewater to the Village of Peebles for treatment. The use of these funds will minimize or eliminate the need to pass construction debt onto residents. This project is being undertaken to remedy an existing public health nuisance and comply with Ohio EPA Findings and Orders.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these funds will address a documented public health nuisance in Adams County and extend reliable sanitary sewer service to approximately 40 households in the Locust Grove area. By connecting Locust Grove to the Village of Peebles' existing wastewater system, the project not only eliminates failing septic systems but also reinforces Peebles' role as a regional wastewater treatment provider. This regional approach avoids the need for a separate standalone treatment plant in Locust Grove, resulting in a more efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable infrastructure solution.

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