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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 Village of Aberdeen's Wastewater Improvements Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Aberdeen, located at 1142 US Route 52, Aberdeen, Ohio 45101.

The funding would include much-needed infrastructure improvements to the Village's wastewater system. It includes capital improvements, such as repairs to its wastewater treatment plant and sewers, and helps address the extreme peak sewer flows the Village experiences during wet-weather events. It also includes improvements to manage the documentation required by the EPA in operating its sewer system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), and would provide an electronic maintenance system to help the Village better manage future operations.

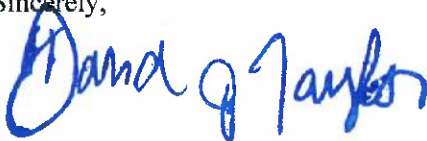
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as the existing sewers have deteriorated to the point that they allow a large amount of groundwater and stormwater into the Village's system. This additional flow can overwhelm the sewers, increasing the risk of raw sewage being released into the surrounding community before reaching the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). It also overwhelms the WWTP, causing operational issues and reducing its ability to effectively treat sewage. During these events, the WWTP has been unable to meet water quality limits within its EPA permit, increasing pollution released into the Ohio River and the surrounding environment.

In early 2025, the EPA conducted a visit and issued a notice of violation, including the need to make progress on its Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance (CMOM) Program tasks. However, the Village has no means within its annual budget to perform most tasks. This project will address remaining CMOM activities, including design and construction of WWTP improvements and sewer rehabilitation, along with a management system for long-term maintenance.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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