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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Paducah McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency – Sludge Dewatering Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Paducah McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency, located at 621 Northview Street, Paducah, Kentucky, 42001.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current sludge handling facility and equipment is approximately 36 years old and exceeds its service life. The secondary digester lid is manufactured of a flexible membrane and is also past its normal service life. The new disk filter and screw press will require substantially less maintenance, reduce the overall sludge volume generated by the plant, and provide for a safer environment for JSA employees. Upgrading to more modern, efficient equipment will provide for a reduction in overall operational costs which will directly benefit JSA ratepayers.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



James Comer  
Member of Congress