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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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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 Eddyville Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Eddyville, located at P.O. Box 744, Eddyville, Kentucky, 42038.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a critical part of the City of Eddyville's response and recovery efforts following the catastrophic failure of its Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) wastewater treatment plant in January 2025. As a result of the failure, the City lost its sole capacity to treat municipal wastewater, forcing an immediate transition to temporary emergency measures that are costly, unsustainable, and not intended for long-term operation. Phase I emergency operations—currently ongoing—have placed a substantial financial strain on the City through the rental of treatment system units, labor-intensive maintenance, and increased regulatory oversight. Phase II is essential to restore and modernize Eddyville's wastewater treatment capabilities through the planning, design, and construction of a new, permanent facility.

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