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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,047,364 for the City of Charleston Sewer Rehabilitation project in Charleston, IL for fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Charleston, located at 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

The proposed project would utilize cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining technology to restore structurally deficient sewer mains and rehabilitate deteriorated manhole access structures within the 12th Congressional District. The project includes rehabilitation of approximately 17,340 linear feet (3.28 miles) of aging sanitary sewer main (roughly 172 linear feet ("LF") of 4-inch lines, 3,200 LF of 8-inch lines, and 3,968 LF of 10-inch lines) and mitigation of 10 dilapidated manholes that contribute to infiltration and inflow (or "I&I").

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Much of the affected infrastructure in the IL-12 portion of the City of Charleston consists of aging vitrified clay pipe that has exceeded its design life and is susceptible to cracking, joint separation, and root intrusion. These deficiencies allow groundwater infiltration into the sanitary system, increasing treatment costs and reducing system capacity. The proposed rehabilitation will restore structural integrity, reduce I&I, and extend service life by several decades without extensive excavation. Relining the system will act as a cost-effective approach to rectifying the system's issues and alleviate the current threat to health and safety in the project area by containing the raw sewage, preventing infiltration, and limiting resident exposure. This project will also allow the City to more effectively maintain this system for years to come.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title IV of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress