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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 \$1,636,000 for the Village of Maeystown Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements project in Maeystown, IL in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Maeystown, located at 1030 Mill Street Maeystown, IL 62256.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The proposed project would renovate and repair the Village of Maeystown's wastewater treatment plant. This will include adding primary clarification, upgrading the secondary clarification, replacing the recirculating sand filter, adding a polishing reactor for Nitrogen removal, replacing the lift station at the wastewater treatment plant, upgrading existing electric and electrical controls for the plant and repairing the roof and windows of the electrical control building.

This renovation is needed because the current system is inefficient and leaks effluent into the local creek. The original plans were for a holding tank and grinder pump at each residence but due to the rocky terrain, this was changed to a holding tank only. This modification has led to significant operational issues at the wastewater plant, often leading to frequent overflows of raw or partially treated sewage into the local creek and an obnoxious odor flowing through the business and residential areas of the Village. The health and safety of the residents, plus the economy of the business district are definitely at risk. Additionally, the Village is currently in violation of IEPA standards and cannot meet the requirements of its NPDES permit. This project will bring the village back into good standing and address healthy and safety issues for the community.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress