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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 \$5,000,000 for the Carbondale Wastewater Treatment Plant Consolidation project in Carbondale, IL in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Carbondale, located at 200 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901.

The proposed project consist of the decommissioning of the older Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (NWWWTP). Sewage that is currently treated there and discharged to Little Crab Orchard Creek will be collected and transferred through a 2.5 mile sanitary sewer 18" force main to the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant (SEWWTP). The wastewater plant consolidation project requires the construction of a complete lift station system and appurtenances at the NWWWTP.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Ten years ago, the Carbondale Water Treatment Plant eliminated its NPDES permit by ceasing discharge to the City Reservoir/Piles Fork Creek. This project would eliminate another NPDES permit, ceasing discharge of treated wastewater to Little Crab Orchard Creek and leaving the city with only one NPDES permit at the SEWWTP. Having only one permit is simpler to manage and better for the environment in addition to being less expensive and more sustainable. The short- and long-term cost savings of this project will keep sewer utility bill costs down for Carbondale residents. This will result in millions of dollars saved versus rehabilitating the older plant, and reduce electrical and natural gas consumption, allowing for a less expensive, more sustainable treatment process.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress