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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Construction of Publicly Owned Treatment Works Project** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the West Branch Water Reclamation District, located at 1S649 Shaffner Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

The funding would be used to construct the facilities needed for wastewater treatment. The existing facilities were constructed in the middle of the last century and are in dire need of replacement. The improvements will ensure compliance with wastewater treatment permit requirements, protect water quality, and improve operational efficiency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it replaces aging wastewater treatment infrastructure that is essential to maintaining safe and reliable service for 57,000 residents.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress