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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Madison & St. Clair Counties - Cahokia Heights West Interceptor project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District. The funding would be used to modify existing pump stations and for the construction of new high-capacity pump stations and force mains. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will bring critical repairs needed to a sewage system plagued by persistent flooding, helping protect public health and safety.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by Section 219(f)(55) of WRDA 1992, as amended by Section 1(a)(4) of Consolidated Appropriations Act 2001 (Appendix D- Section 108(d)), Section 352(b)(3) of WRDA 2020, Section 8375(b)(2)(K) of WRDA 2022, and Section 1304(b)(1)(T) of WRDA 2024.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski
Member of Congress