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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Ohio River Basin Public Health Protection Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), located at 5735 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

The funding would be used to evaluate new monitoring technologies, assess existing systems, and replace aging or obsolete instrumentation to strengthen ORSANCO's rapid response, communication, and notification capabilities relied upon by basin states and water utilities.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because pollutants released into the Ohio River Basin are a constant threat and ongoing concern, requiring continued improvements to water protection and emergency response programs and systems. The importance of these systems was demonstrated during the East Palestine train derailment, when ORSANCO's monitoring data helped utilities and government agencies make informed decisions to protect 1.66 million consumers in the basin. While the system performed effectively during that incident, key components now require reassessment and modernization. These upgrades will ensure the monitoring and response network remains reliable for the states and communities that depend on the Ohio River for years to come.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,



Congressman Greg Landsman