

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0913

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
2345 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Pinellas Park Interceptor Collection System Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, located at 315 Court Street, Suite 601, Clearwater, FL 33756.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate and upgrade aging wastewater infrastructure, including installing liners in an existing sewer interceptor, constructing a parallel sanitary sewer force main to manage wet weather flows, upgrading a lift station, replacing outdated force mains, and installing flow monitoring equipment. These improvements will enhance system capacity and reliability, prevent sanitary sewer overflows, and protect public health and surrounding water bodies.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates critical wastewater infrastructure to prevent sanitary sewer overflows, protect water quality, and safeguard public health. By proactively addressing aging and failing systems, it reduces the risk of costly emergency repairs, service disruptions, and environmental damage, ensuring long-term reliability and responsible use of public resources.

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,



Anna Paulina Luna
Member of Congress