

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1402

March 19, 2026

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 HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Kewanna for its Wastewater Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Kewanna, located at 308 S. Logan St., Kewanna, IN 46939.

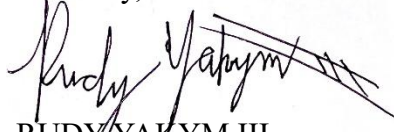
The funding would be used for making much-needed improvements to the Town's wastewater treatment plant, including replacing pumps, blowers, flow meters, lagoon components, and the irrigation system. Life station improvements include converting the Main Lift Station to a submersible configuration, upgrading pumps at the Main Lift Station and Lift Station 2, and upsizing and rerouting the Lift Station 2 force main to connect with the Main Lift Station force main.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Town's wastewater treatment plant and lift stations have not received any upgrades since 1995. Much of this infrastructure has exceeded its useful life, leading to increasing maintenance costs, reduced reliability, and growing safety and health concerns. The requested upgrades will enhance regulatory compliance, operational safety, and system reliability. They will eliminate confined space hazards, increase pumping capacity, and reduce operational dependency between stations. Upgrading the collection system will ensure redundancy, as having only one lift station increases the risk of interruptions if something goes wrong.

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. (Clean Water Projects).

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

Sincerely,



RUDY YAKYM III
Member of Congress