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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  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Higginsville Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Higginsville located at 1922 Main St. P.O. Box 110 Higginsville, MO. The funding would be used to support infrastructure upgrades for the City's wastewater systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Higginsville is currently in dire need of funding assistance to prevent public health safety concerns by installing a new wastewater pump station and force main to centralize treatment and provide essential sanitary sewer services. For context, the Missouri DNR and EPA have mandated new effluent limitations for wastewater treatment facilities that the existing wastewater lagoon infrastructure in Higginsville cannot meet. The City has taken a proactive approach to centralize its four existing wastewater lagoons to a new mechanical WWTP, which was constructed in 2026. To continue its centralization efforts, the City needs additional funding to connect the City's North Lagoon to the new WWTP via a new pump station and force main.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 7 CFR 3570.53.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford  
Member of Congress