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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Big Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project in fiscal year 2026. The intended recipient is the City of Big Lake located at 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the current facility is nearly at maximum capacity, which will result in an inability to allow new permits for business expansion/creation or for new housing units. This would mean the community would be in a holding pattern and not able to meet the high demand for industrial or housing growth. Companies with planned expansions will invest in other states or countries and the housing market will continue to tighten, making homeownership out of reach for many families.

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,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress