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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman,
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member,
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

“I am requesting funding for a Effluent Conveyance Replacement & Upgrade Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of DeFuniak Springs, located at 1350 Baldwin Avenue (P.O. Box 685) DeFuniak Springs, FL. 32435. The funding would be used for the installation of approximately 29,000-linear feet of 24-inch DI (Ductile Iron) force main to replace the existing 18-inch PVC force main that serves as the effluent disposal line leaving the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) which has reached the end of its useful life. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will provide a more reliable form of wastewater transmission, helping the City of DeFuniak Springs eliminate maintenance costs associated with frequent repairs and eventually provide additional capacity for future development as the City currently plans for a new WWTF. Increased system reliability is a good long-term investment for taxpayers and decreases ongoing and unpredictable expenses associated with overflows and other issues.

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,



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