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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 15, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Milwaukee Improved Schoolyards and Water Workforce Development Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District located at 260 W. Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. The funding would be used to transform underutilized schoolyards into green spaces, while also building a skilled workforce in the water-sector career field.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it delivers long-term economic, environmental, and educational benefits for the city of Milwaukee. The project addresses infrastructure concerns while also creating pathways to jobs, which in turn provides a strong return on investment for the Milwaukee region.

The project will allow for direct targeting of low income, high need neighborhoods to promote educational integrity and family supportive careers. The projects green schoolyards function as outdoor classrooms, supporting hands-on STEM curricula and boosting student engagement, attendance, and mental/physical well-being. The workforce initiative will train 50 youth through pre-apprenticeships, upskill entry and mid-career workers, and create 30-40 green jobs in construction, landscaping, environmental education, and community engagement.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwen Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gwen" and last name "Moore" clearly distinguishable.

Gwen Moore
MEMBER OF CONGRESS