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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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 Sanitary and Storm Bypass Pump and Lift Station Modernization project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works located at 841 N. Broadway, 5th Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

The funding would be used to replace sanitary sewer bypass pump control cabinets that have been deemed to be obsolete or at risk of future flooding and elevate the cabinets and the components within to provide greater protection from flood waters. Further, existing pumps and water level sensing equipment will be upgraded to newer and more reliable technologies. The City estimates approximately 7,386 residents live near the 12 identified pump stations that will be part of this project if it's fully funded.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because improving the sewer pump network by increasing capacity, modernizing communications, and building robust redundancies using proven technologies will help reduce basement back-ups and the associated economic damage from the destruction of homes and property due to rain events while supporting future development within the City. Recent storms in August 2025 resulted in thousands of homes needing to replace mechanical equipment such as furnaces and water heaters, as well as countless personal belongings and even structural damage to foundations that, in some cases, led homes to be uninhabitable. Additionally, the City deals with collecting storm debris at a significant cost to City taxpayers. Additionally, reducing sewage back-ups lessens exposure to harmful pathogens and contaminants. Water-logged building materials and discarded personal belongings develop mold growth and invite vermin.

The project has a federal nexus because funding requested is consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress