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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Sewer Replacement, Rehabilitation or Abandonment project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District, located at 231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604.

The funding would be used for a rehabilitation program to address parts of the wastewater infrastructure identified as in need of repair, including to address the structural lining and make spot repairs to segments of the Jones Island and South Shore force which convey combined and separate sewage to local wastewater treatment plant. Without reliable operation of these assets, MMSD's ability to capture and treat sewage overflows would be restricted, negatively impacting water quality in the Milwaukee area. The funding would also be used to rehabilitate segments of the Martha Washington/Highland Area Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer system. Inspections have identified numerous sewer defects in the Washington/Highland area infrastructure and funding would rehabilitate approximately 25,000 linear feet of MMSD-owned sewers to reduce infiltration and maintain reliable sanitary sewer service for the residents of this area. Funding will also be used for the rehabilitation of Pipe 42406 to address an offset joint in this 54-inch pipe segment that is restricting wastewater flow. Lastly, funding would help MMSD close eight separate sewer outfall locations that are no longer needed and should be removed to prevent inadvertent sanitary sewer overflows.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this rehabilitation program will extend the useful life of existing MMSD wastewater assets, protect public health and the environment, reduce clear water infiltration into the sewer system and reduce overflow risks, and maintain reliable operation of our sewers. In addition, MMSD has identified multiple separate sewer outfalls that can be abandoned, reducing Sanitary Sewer Overflow risks without negative impacts to the rest of the system.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 8375 of the Water Resource Development Act of 2022. (Division H of P.L. 117-263) which amended Section 219(f) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to add a new environmental infrastructure project (405)for Milwaukee, WI.

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

