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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3311

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Marion, North Carolina's Sewer Collection Basin Improvement Project, in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Marion, located at PO Drawer 700, Marion, NC 28752.

The requested funding would support the City of Marion, North Carolina's Sewer Collection Basin Improvement Project, a top priority identified in the City's recent Sewer Asset Inventory and Assessment. The assessment found that many collection lines and manholes are aging and structurally degraded, particularly in basins that convey flow directly to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, making timely rehabilitation essential to protecting water quality and system reliability. The need has become even more urgent following Hurricane Helene, which caused multiple sewer line breaks and allowed river water to infiltrate the collection system, further stressing already compromised infrastructure. Given the documented deficiencies and recent storm-related damage, these basin improvements represent the City's highest wastewater infrastructure need and a responsible investment in public health and environmental protection.

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,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress