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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 Town of Murphy, North Carolina's Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project, in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Murphy, located at PO Box 130, Murphy, NC 28906.

The requested funding would support the Town of Murphy's Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because sustained population growth and increased demand on essential public infrastructure has placed significant pressure on the Town's water and sewer systems, underscoring the need to expand wastewater treatment capacity to maintain compliance with state and federal water quality standards. An engineering study recommends a phased upgrade to increase the wastewater treatment plant's capacity from 1.4 MGD to 2.1 MGD, along with rehabilitation of key process components to improve operational efficiency and reliability. These improvements are necessary to ensure the system can safely manage current and future wastewater flows, reduce the risk of untreated discharges, and protect surface and groundwater resources throughout the community.

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