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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Steubenville Wastewater Building Repair Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Steubenville, located at 100 North Water Street, Steubenville, Ohio, 43952.

The funding would be used to repair the city wastewater treatment plant building's failed foundation, along with the damage it has caused. Damage is allowing for water intrusion and risking the collapse of the building, potentially putting occupants and contents in harm's way. The building houses all treatment equipment and collapse would mean the ceasing of sewer services for nearly 20,000 residents.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the Village can continue to provide wastewater services to residents, keep WWTP employees safe, and have the wastewater infrastructure necessary to support growth in the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 42 U.S. Code section 5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Rulli