



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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hermitage Municipal Authority Sewer Upgrades in Wheatland Neighborhood in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hermitage Municipal Authority located at 2133 Broadway Road, Hermitage, PA 16148. The funding would be used for the demolition of the existing Wheatland Pump Station and installation of 1,100 lineal feet of sewer lines to divert the flow to the existing Council Avenue Pump Station. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address aging water infrastructure in Hermitage with a cost-effective solution. The existing pump station has reached the end of its 50-year lifespan. This project would eliminate environmental hazards and costs such as storm water inflow and infiltration and overflows and outages that cause pollution of the nearby river and/or sewage backups in homes and businesses. Upgrading this wastewater system will save taxpayers money since the new system will not require a new pump station, be more energy efficient, and address potential environmental hazards.

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,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress