



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 Summit Township Sanitary Sewer Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Summit Township located at 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA 16002. The funding would be used to construct a new 0.130 MGD sewage treatment plant, 2 pump stations, approximately 3,800 linear feet of force main, approximately 81,000 linear feet of gravity collection sewers, and 29 grinder pumps. The Herman Village, and many of the surrounding areas, in Summit Township consist of small building lots and several failed on-lot sewage disposal systems. A survey of the on-lot systems within the proposed service area indicates a failure rate of 40.1%. The continued use of on-lot systems would not only continue to pose a threat to the waters of the Commonwealth but also the health and safety of its residents. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing sewer it will help to address socioeconomic inequalities by helping to reduce the cost of sanitary sewer service to all residents in the service area, regardless of race or income level. It will also help to serve and protect the children and youth of Pennsylvania since 2 of the main facilities being served include the Summit Elementary School and the Summit Academy which is a home for disadvantaged youth.

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