



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 French Creek Force Main Replacement in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Meadville Area Sewer Authority located at 1320 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335. The funding would be used to replace the aging force main that is 14" with a 16" pipe. Replacing the aging pipe will preserve the ecological diversity of French Creek by eliminating any possible sewage infiltration and it will also provide a joint municipal sewer system for Meadville Township and Vernon Township. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing force main is an environmental hazard to the French Creek watershed. French Creek has been named River of the Year by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources two times and has a very unique and fragile ecosystem.

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