



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

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Erie Wastewater Treatment Plant - Chlorination Disinfection Reliability in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Erie located at 626 State Street, RM 500, Erie, PA 16501. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of the chlorine gas disinfection by replacing three chlorine evaporators; replacing of two vacuum chlorinators; providing maintenance/panel upgrades to the remaining two chlorinators; and completing necessary upgrades to the architectural, structural, electrical, instrumentation and controls. To satisfy the latest code and regulatory requirements additional upgrades will be made to the HVAC in the two chlorine rooms. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is a regional wastewater treatment facility serving roughly 200,000 residents in Erie County and typically processing 30 to 40 million gallons per day from the city and suburban sewer system. The existing system has aged to the point where replacement parts are no longer readily available, and repairs are no longer a good investment as the equipment is well beyond its expected life. Upgrading this WWTP will save taxpayers money since the new system will be more energy efficient, use less-labor intensive technologies, and stop the consistent ongoing costs that have been the case with the old system that continually requires repairs and maintenance.

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