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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Chesterfield Sewer Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Chesterfield, located at 112 Main Street, Chesterfield, South Carolina 29709. The funding would be used for the repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of defective manholes, sewer lines, and facilities, as well as at least one lift station that needs to be replaced and a new force main that needs to be installed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical failures in Chesterfield's wastewater infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will continue to increase costs, risk system failure, and degrade water quality. Severe infiltration and inflow are allowing groundwater and stormwater into the sewer system, placing unnecessary strain on infrastructure and increasing the volume of wastewater that must be transported and treated. This leads to higher operational costs for the Town and its residents, who already face elevated water and sewer bills. By rehabilitating failing sewer lines, manholes, and lift stations, this project will reduce excess flows, improve system efficiency, and lower long-term operating expenses. Additionally, the project will prevent more costly emergency repairs and potential regulatory violations associated with sewer overflows or system failures. Proactively investing in rehabilitation extends the useful life of existing infrastructure and avoids significantly higher replacement costs in the future. The Town does not have the financial capacity to fund this project independently and cannot reasonably take on additional debt. Federal investment ensures that necessary infrastructure improvements can move forward while protecting ratepayers in a small, rural community. Ultimately, this project will improve system reliability, protect public health and the environment, and ensure compliance with water quality standards—delivering long-term value and cost savings for taxpayers.

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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress