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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  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Darlington Force Main Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Darlington, located at 400 Pearl Street, Darlington, South Carolina 29532. The funding would be used to replace a failing sanitary sewer force main for the municipal wastewater system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help replace the existing failing sanitary sewer force main, which has experienced repeated structural failures due to age and corrosion. Since October 2025, the line has separated four times, requiring emergency responses, contractor assistance, and bypass pumping operations to prevent wastewater from backing into homes and the surrounding areas. These failures have resulted in sanitary sewer overflows and present a significant risk of environmental contamination, property damage, and public health concerns. The existing pipeline is approximately 10,485 feet in length, services a population of approximately 6,000 residents, and represents a critical component of the city's wastewater conveyance system. Continued emergency repairs are becoming increasingly costly and unsustainable for the city. Without the replacement of the infrastructure, Darlington City expects continued failures that could result in larger downstream impacts for residents.

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