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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Crest Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Capacity Expansion and Process Optimization in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Winter Garden, located at 101 E Crest Avenue, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment that increases WWTF's treatment capacity from 4.75 to 7.5 MGD and upgrades treatment processes to achieve Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) standards. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the facility operations will reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and suspended solids discharged to Lake Apopka—advancing federal water quality objectives under the Clean Water Act and supporting long term nutrient reduction goals established by the St. Johns River Water Management District. This is critical to protecting area water quality, including wastewater impacts to Lake Apopka, the 4th largest lake in Florida and once the bass fishing capital of the Eastern United States. Lake Apopka is one of Florida's unique ecosystems which impacts not only area fishing, but also water access and quality across Central Florida and even further south.

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,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress