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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 the Winter Garden Wastewater Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Winter Garden, located at 300 West Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787. The funding would be used for increasing capacity and achieving Advanced Wastewater Treatment to improve Lake Apopka water quality.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Lake Apopka, located at the headwaters of the Ocklawaha River Basin, serves as a crucial water resource for the State of Florida. Expanding capacity and optimizing the Crest Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility will improve effluent water quality, increasing the production of reclaimed water, and protecting source water obtained from Lake Apopka. These efforts help advance ongoing restoration efforts which will increase the growth of native aquatic vegetation, improve boat navigation, and enhance ecotourism. 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