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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 Polk City Wastewater Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk City, located at 123 Broadway Blvd SE, Polk City, FL 33868.

The funding would be used to upgrade 30,000 linear feet of failing piping within the Polk City wastewater collection system delivered to Cardinal Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility located in Polk City, Florida. This system provides access to clean water for residents within Polk City and the pipe upgrades will have long-term impacts on reducing water pollution and pumping and treatment costs for the city. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects public health and increases water quality by effectively managing and cleaning wastewater before it is released back into natural ecosystems. Polk City wastewater area impacts the Green Swamp Area, a sensitive environmental area that is part of the origin of fresh water to South Florida. Keeping this area clean and safe is of critical importance to Central and South Florida's clean water access.

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