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March 19, 2026

Andy Harris, Chairman
Sanford Bishop, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

I am requesting funding for the City of Itta Bena Sewer System Rehabilitation and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027 under the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account. The entity to receive funding is the Leflore County Board of Supervisors, located at 306 W Market St #101, Greenwood, Mississippi 38930.

The funding will be used to replace and rehabilitate aging and deteriorating sewer lines, repair damaged wastewater infrastructure, and address infiltration and inflow caused by stormwater entering the system. Much of the City's existing sewer infrastructure has exceeded its useful life, resulting in leaks, blockages, and increased risk of sewage overflows that threaten public health and the environment.

This project is a priority for the district because it addresses critical wastewater infrastructure needs in a rural, underserved community with limited local resources. These improvements will enhance system reliability, reduce environmental contamination, and ensure wastewater is properly collected and conveyed for treatment.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Tom Cole
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H-307, The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Itta Bena Sewer System Rehabilitation and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the Leflore County Board of Supervisors, located at 306 W Market St #101, Greenwood, Mississippi 38930.

The funding would be used to replace and rehabilitate aging sewer lines, repair failing wastewater infrastructure, and reduce infiltration and inflow within the system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses failing infrastructure that poses risks to public health and water quality, while preventing more costly system failures and emergency repairs in the future.

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.)**,** which supports wastewater infrastructure and water quality improvement projects.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

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