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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Leland Water and Sewer System Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Leland, located at 206 North Broad Street, Leland, Mississippi 38756. The project site is located at the same address and throughout the city service area. The funding would be used for the replacement of aging water mains and the purchase of critical utility equipment, including by-pass pumps, generators, and a backhoe.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses critical public health and safety needs while providing the essential infrastructure required for regional economic growth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress