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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1306 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Rittenhouse Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is West Norriton Township, located at 1630 West Marshall Street, West Norriton, PA, 19403.

The funding would be used to replace the first 8,500 linear feet of 18-inch cast iron with new 24-inch cast iron. This first 8,500 linear feet is generally located between the Schuylkill River and Trail, from the pump station to Stony Creek, which is the border of West Norriton and Norristown Borough. Additional associated work includes temporary bypass pumping, pump impeller replacement, startup and testing of the force main, and site restoration. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the force main is beyond its useful life, and substantially more prone to breaks that would result in direct sewage discharge to the Schuylkill River, which is a National Heritage Area, would result in environmental cleanup and repairs costs, but also disruption of River and Trail users, and strict fines from regulatory agencies, that could be prevented. Additionally, 4 downstream water intakes would be impacted if a break occurred. 2 of the intakes supply 40% of the water to Philadelphia. This is a serious health, safety and welfare issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress