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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
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Schuylkill River Interceptor Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Upper Providence Township, located at 1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate approximately 6,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer interceptor using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining. This segment runs along the Schuylkill River corridor and conveys wastewater to a regional treatment facility. The project will restore structural integrity, reduce groundwater infiltration, and extend the service life of this critical conveyance line. This work represents one segment of a broader Township initiative to rehabilitate approximately 30,000 linear feet of interceptor infrastructure over multiple years. A system map identifying the proposed segment is attached..

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Schuylkill River Interceptor is a critical component of Upper Providence Township's sanitary sewer system, conveying wastewater from residential neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and institutional users to a regional treatment facility. The interceptor line runs directly along the Schuylkill River corridor, making its continued structural integrity essential to protect surrounding waterways and adjacent properties.

This interceptor has served the community reliably for decades. However, aging underground infrastructure is increasingly susceptible to structural deterioration and groundwater infiltration. Despite ongoing maintenance efforts, continued deterioration elevates the risk of system failure if proactive rehabilitation is not undertaken.

The potential release of untreated sewage into surrounding soils or surface waters would threaten water quality, public health, and ecological resources within the watershed. In

addition to environmental impacts, a failure of this primary conveyance line would disrupt wastewater service and impose significant emergency repair costs on the Township and its ratepayers.

The proposed rehabilitation of approximately 6,000 linear feet of the interceptor through cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining will restore structural integrity, reduce infiltration, and extend the useful life of this critical infrastructure by decades. By investing in preventative rehabilitation now, the Township is avoiding substantially higher emergency replacement costs in the future while safeguarding the Schuylkill River watershed..

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeleine Dean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress