

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1403**

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sewer and Stormwater Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Wayne, located at 200 East Berry Street, Suite 250, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The funding would be used to install approximately 2,000 linear feet of 18-24" new storm sewers in existing combined sewer area, replace approximately 9,000 linear feet of water mains, and replace approximately 95 lead services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure safe drinking water and reduce pollution. Without such funding, critical infrastructure would continue to deteriorate, leading to higher future costs and less resiliency for neighborhoods. Infrastructure investments in community assets improve quality of life, resilience, and economic opportunity for all residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Marlin Stutzman  
Member of Congress