## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–1403

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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 Memorial Park Phase 1 – Stormwater and Water Improvements in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Wayne City Utilities, located at 200 East Berry Street, Suite 480, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The funding would be used to install approximately 5,500 linear feet of 12-54" new storm sewers in existing combined sewer area, replace approximately 6,000 linear feet of water mains, and replace 60 lead service lines in the Memorial Park area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce combined sewer overflows, reduce the risk of basement backups and street flooding, replace over 100-year-old water mains, and eliminate lead services in the area. This project will help ensure that citizens receive reliable public health and safety services that meet the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

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