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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Forest Hills Storm Sewer Replacement and Sanitary Sewer Access Improvements Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Forest Hills, located at 4400 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15221.

The funding would install approximately 9,000 linear feet total of 15 to 24-inch Storm Sewer, Stormwater Manholes, improvements to the dual chamber manholes for sanitary sewer access, and abandonment of existing storm sewers including sealing of the storm sewer lines inside the dual chamber manholes. This replacement stormwater system will eliminate the necessity for dual chamber manholes and remove sources of I/I into each system. The existing dual chamber manholes will transport sanitary sewage flow only following the successful completion of the project. The project will result in improved water quality of storm water discharges, reduces I/I for the sanitary sewer system, and improved access for both sewer systems. In addition to the benefits of improving access to the storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems in this area of the Borough, as well as the benefits of improving the quality of storm sewer discharge, the project will also assist the Borough in the execution of sanitary sewer improvements as part of a Consent Order Agreement (COA) with ALCOSAN. ALCOSAN, which the Borough of Forest Hills sanitary sewer flow is tributary to, is under a COA with the PaDEP to reduce the level of I/I into their sewage treatment plant. Tributary communities to ALCOSAN are part of the COA, with individual requirements to reduce I/I on set timelines; failure to comply with these timelines will result in disciplinary fines to the communities. The removal of these potential I/I sources will assist the Borough in maintaining compliance with the COA. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help the Borough better meet Pennsylvania DEP water quality compliance provisions as part of the ALCOSAN Consent Order Agreement (COA). This

project will improve the water quality of storm water discharges while also reducing infiltration and inflow (I/I) into the sanitary sewer system and providing improved access to both sewer lines.

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.

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

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio".

Chris Deluzio  
Member of Congress