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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 May 2, 2025

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 Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa, located at 140 Bet Tech Dr, Aliquippa PA 15001.

The funding would be used to replace the clarifier equipment within the two (2) concrete circular secondary clarifiers. This project generally includes demolition of the clarifier equipment to be replaced; replacement of the clarifier rotary distributor equipment, weirs, walkways, handrails, clarifier drive control panels and disconnect switches, algae spray down system, piping configurations; existing clarifier basins concrete repair and lining for a complete and operable system. The existing clarifier mechanisms have reached the end of their useful lives; replacement of the final clarifier equipment and rehabilitation of the concrete tanks will increase treatment efficiency, provide additional operational life for the final clarifiers, reduce operation and maintenance costs, increase reliability of the MWAA sewage treatment plant, and improve effluent quality. MWAA operations staff has intimated that the performance of the two (2) final clarifiers is problematic in that the clarifier operating mechanisms are subject to failure without significant maintenance. This project promotes efficient management of the WWTP by replacing high maintenance and inefficient equipment in a proactive manner.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the MWAA owns, operates and maintains the sanitary sewage collection, conveyance, pumping and treatment facilities serving approximately 5,321 residential, commercial and industrial customers within the City of Aliquippa and contiguous portions of Hopewell Township.

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.

Very respectfully,

Chris Deluzio

Member of Congress