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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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Tarentum Borough Water Treatment Plant Upgrade in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Borough of Tarentum, located at 318 E. 2nd Avenue, Tarentum PA 15084.

The funding would be used for comprehensive upgrades to the water treatment plant and pump house to ensure the highest quality of water service for its residents and businesses. The project includes electrical upgrades, such as replacing outdated panels and installing new wiring, alongside mechanical improvements, like overhauling pumps and valves and installing new filtration systems. These enhancements are designed to improve automation, increase treatment capacity, and optimize water quality. Additionally, the pump house will undergo structural enhancements and modernization of pump mechanisms to boost capacity and reliability. Emergency power systems will also be upgraded to ensure continuous operation during power outages. These upgrades are critical for meeting current environmental and safety standards, preparing for future needs, and continuing to provide reliable water services in Tarentum Borough.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Tarentum Borough, benefiting from the proposed water system upgrades, encompasses a diverse community that relies heavily on the efficiency, safety, and reliability of its public water system. The borough's residents and businesses, who are direct beneficiaries of these improvements, require a water system that consistently meets health and safety standards while supporting local economic and residential activities.

Investing taxpayer dollars in upgrading the water treatment plant and pump house in Tarentum is a prudent use of resources for several key reasons:

- **Public Health:** Upgrading the water treatment facilities ensures that the water supply remains safe for drinking and other uses, protecting public health by meeting or exceeding regulatory standards.
- **Economic Efficiency:** Modernizing the electrical and mechanical systems increases operational efficiency, which can reduce maintenance costs and lower the long-term operational expenses of the water system. These savings can then be passed on to the residents and businesses in the form of more stable water rates.
- **Sustainability and Environmental Compliance:** Implementing advanced filtration systems and modern treatment processes not only improves the quality of water but also ensures that the system operates within the latest environmental regulations. This helps protect local waterways and ecosystems from potential contamination, contributing to broader environmental sustainability efforts.
- **Reliability and Security:** By upgrading critical infrastructure, the project enhances the reliability of the water supply, especially in adverse conditions. Modern emergency power systems ensure continuous operation during power outages, which is crucial for maintaining essential services and public safety.
- **Future Growth:** As Tarentum continues to grow and develop, having a robust and modern water infrastructure is vital to support this growth sustainably. The upgrades will help accommodate future demands placed on the water system by new residential and commercial development.
- **Overall,** this investment not only addresses immediate needs but also positions Tarentum Borough for future challenges, making it a strategic and responsible use of taxpayer dollars. These upgrades are essential for maintaining a high quality of life, fostering economic development, and ensuring public health and environmental sustainability in the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code Section 1926(a)(2)

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