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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lakewood Storm and Wastewater Pollution Prevention Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakewood, located at 12650 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

The funding would be used to support the Clean Water Lakewood Initiative and continue the work to bring the community into compliance with the Clean Water Act. The city has a need for over \$300 million in water and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Specifically, this project will support the construction of a new 6.1- million-gallon storage basin adjacent to their wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This storage basin will collect untreated combined sewer overflows during heavy weather events, preventing the overflows from discharging into the Rocky River and Lake Erie.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps to protect local drinking water and the health of the lake. Further, it will reduce the burden of ratepayers to fund all of the required sewer infrastructure needs facing Lakewood. Federal support will help limit further water and sewer rate increases on city residents and business owners, while also protecting our drinking water, water recreation activities, and water and coastal habitats.

The project's federal nexus is that it will help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards by reducing Combined Sewer Overflow discharges into the Rocky River and Lake Erie.

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

Sincerely,



Shontel M. Brown
Member of Congress