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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 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the West 70th Street Sewer Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cleveland, Division of Water Pollution Control, located at 12302 Kirby Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44108.

The purpose of this project is to improve the capacity of the existing combined sewer system by replacing approximately 1,800 feet of existing combined main sewer with a larger main sewer. The Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC) will perform full-time inspection of the new sewers during construction. At the completion of construction, WPC will televise the new sewers to confirm the pipe condition.

The existing sewer was built in 1901 to service a residential and commercial neighborhood. The neighborhood currently includes townhomes, condominiums, a high-rise apartment complex, single homes, a school and a church. The tributary area is approximately 16 acres. The sewer pipe is structurally deteriorating and has multiple cracks and collapses that cause the system to fail, thus decreasing sewer capacity and leading to frequent basement and street flooding. By improving and upgrading the existing sewer system on West 70th Street, the capacity of the sewer will be increased. Therefore, alleviating basement and street flooding.

The project help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards and will reduce risk to the public health and environment by alleviating basement and street flooding.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress