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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Lakeland Pipe Rehabilitation and Infiltration Reduction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakeland, Florida, located at 228 S. Massachusetts Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801. The funding would be used for wastewater infrastructure rehabilitation, including sewer laterals to reduce infiltration and prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it protects public health, improves water quality, and reduces long-term costs by preventing system failures and lowering treatment demands.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in **Title VI of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.)**.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Best regards,



Scott Franklin  
Member of Congress