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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for DeSoto County's Wastewater Treatment Expansion project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners, located at 201 E Oak St. #201, Arcadia, Florida, 34266. Allocation of funding will assist in expanding a 0.75 MGD wastewater treatment facility to accommodate demand for connections based on storm recovery and general development and growth.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure treatment capacity and disposal capacity provide for connections to the central wastewater facility and use deep injection wells for long-term effluent disposal management in lieu of land application. This will provide for connections to the system in lieu of authorizing large developments with septic tanks for single-family homes within large developments and provide central wastewater treatment instead of permitting several private wastewater package plants throughout the county.

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

Sincerely,



C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress