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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Lake Placid, Florida's Septic to Sewer project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Town of Lake Placid, located at 401 Dal Hall Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida, 33852. Allocation of funding will allow Lake Placid with the support of the County and State, to construct an advanced wastewater treatment plant (1mgd), a few wastewater collection lines, abandon septic tanks, and expand their reuse system, all to eliminate septic tanks around the area lakes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help assist Lake Placid ensure it can meet and maintain Clean Water Act standards. The plan is consistent with the North Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. All their lakes flow into Lake Okeechobee. Some of their lakes are designated "Impaired Waters" by Florida's Department of Environmental Protection

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