



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Davenport Water Pollution Control Plant Flood Mitigation Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Davenport, located at 226 W 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801.

The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is located on the Mississippi River and currently has no flood protection system in place to ensure efficient operations and access during major flood events. This funding would be used for the construction of an earthen levee for the northern perimeter of this wastewater treatment plant, which serves the cities of Davenport, Bettendorf, Riverdale, and Panorama Park. As Davenport has experienced in the past few decades, flooding on the Mississippi River is becoming both more frequent and intense, hitting a record crest and longest duration in 2019. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because not preventing flood risk would result in a public health and safety issue for the community. A plant shutdown would cause sewer backups and sump pump failures in resident's homes, local businesses, industrial plants and factories, state occupied buildings, and critical facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes. It would also result in the discharge of untreated water to the Mississippi River.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

*Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks*  
Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.  
Member of Congress