



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

March 20, 2026

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 Fort Madison 9th Street Combined Sewer Separation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Madison, located at 811 Avenue E, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

The funding for this project will be used to reduce sewer overflows by separating the combined sewer system in its eastern district. This specific project targets the 9th Street basin, where the city will install new storm sewers and convert existing lines into a dedicated sanitary sewer system. The undertaking will also involve significant roadway reconstruction throughout the affected area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it benefits a large percentage of Fort Madison residents, helps limit future increases in sewer user fees, and improves water quality. Located in the heart of the city, the project will directly affect hundreds of households and several businesses within a few blocks, while also contributing to improvements across the entire sewer system for all residents. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

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