



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

May 2, 2025

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 Veterans District Sanitary and Storm Sewer Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Knoxville, Iowa located at 305 S Third Street, Knoxville, IA 50138. The funding would be used for the construction of a sanitary lift station and associated storm and sanitary sewer lines to serve 110+ acres of future housing development on the former VA Campus, now known as the Veterans District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because historically, Knoxville has had an extreme shortage of land for housing. The acquisition of the 152-acre former VA Hospital Site in 2020 by Marion County, has allowed the City and the County to jointly begin development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mariannette" being more prominent.

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