



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 Papoose Creek Lift Station Redundant Force Main to Water and Resource Recovery Facility in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Muscatine, Iowa located at 215 Sycamore St Muscatine, IA 52761. The funding would be used for adding 5,696 total linear feet of force main segments from Birch Street to Musser Park, Musser Park to Oregon Street, and Warren Street to the Water and Resource Recovery Facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without a redundant force main, Muscatine's Papoose Creek Lift Station must make combined sewer overflows in heavy rain events or during planned or emergency work on the force main to the Water and Resource Recovery Facility. These CSO cause untreated sewage flows into the Mississippi River, exposing the people of Muscatine County and downriver cities, including Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, to as many as 15 different bacteria and viruses commonly found in sewage.

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".

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