

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

March 18th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

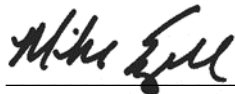
I am requesting funding for the Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hattiesburg located at 200 Forrest St. Hattiesburg, MS, 39401. The funding would be used for a comprehensive infrastructure replacement—sewer, water and storm water—within the Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will modernize aging water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure in Hattiesburg's Historic Neighborhood, improving public health, environmental protection, and long-term infrastructure reliability for residents and businesses. Many of the existing utility systems in the neighborhood are outdated and vulnerable to failure, increasing the risk of water service disruptions, sewer overflows, and stormwater drainage problems.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress