

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

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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:

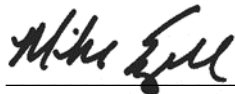
I am requesting funding for the City of Petal Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Petal, Mississippi located at 119 W. 8th Ave. Petal, MS, 39465. The funding would be used to provide critical wastewater infrastructure improvements that will protect the citizens of the City of Petal, as well as many Mississippians who enjoy the beautiful Leaf River in south Mississippi.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will protect public health, prevent environmental contamination, and ensure reliable wastewater service for more than 11,000 residents, businesses, and schools in the City of Petal. The city currently relies on a single 40-year-old pipeline installed in 1985 to transport untreated wastewater beneath the Leaf River for treatment, creating significant risk of system failure as the infrastructure approaches the end of its expected service life.

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