

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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
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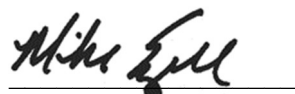
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Petal Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Project in fiscal year 2026. 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 install two new wastewater pipes under the Leaf River, along with critical system upgrades, to replace a 40-year-old pipe that is the city's only means of transporting untreated wastewater. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these initiatives will prevent a potential environmental and humanitarian disaster, protect the Leaf River ecosystem, and ensure reliable infrastructure that supports public health, safety, and future economic growth.

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,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress