

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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Infrastructure Improvements for the Eagle One Mega Site in Forrest County and Lamar County, Mississippi in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Forrest-Lamar Alliance, located at One Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. The funding would be used for infrastructure and site development improvements for the Eagle One Mega Site ("Eagle One"), which is in Forrest County and Lamar County in south Mississippi.

Eagle One represents perhaps the greatest potential for economic development impact of any individual site in the state of Mississippi and holds immense potential for residents in the Hattiesburg Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Hattiesburg MSA"), a major market in Mississippi which anchors the "Pine Belt" region, between Jackson, the State's Capital, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. An investment in Eagle One is the best way to fully reveal the potential of the Hattiesburg MSA and the Pine Belt region in Mississippi. This request will go toward several possible improvement areas, with a priority placed on the sanitary sewer infrastructure, since any company with significant wastewater needs will require the design and construction of a dedicated line from Eagle One back to the City of Hattiesburg's treatment plant.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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