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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for Des Plaines River WRF - Belt Filter Upgrade in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake County Public Works located at 650 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048. The funding would be used to replace and upgrade critical dewatering equipment at the Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility that is at the end of its useful life. The project will replace the existing belt filter presses and associated equipment in the sludge dewatering building with new centrifuge technology and will replace the sludge feed pumps in the sludge storage building.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to keep the facility, serving 85,000 residents, compliant and further reduce the burden on rate payers for future expensive facility rehabilitation.

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 blue ink that reads "Bradley S. Schneider".

Bradley S. Schneider
Member of Congress