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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Effingham County Blue Jay Road Sewer Extension project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, located at 804 South Laurel Street, Springfield, Georgia, 31329.

The funding would be used for the construction of two new lift stations and the lay of approximately 24,000 linear feet of 12-inch sewer force main along Blue Jay Road, extending from Hodgeville Road to State Route 17. The lift stations are strategically planned at the intersections of Blue Jay Road with Midland Road and GA Hwy 17, with the force main installed northeast toward Hodgeville Road, connecting to an existing force main.

This new infrastructure is crucial as Effingham County's residential sector shows remarkable expansion, with over 500 new homes constructed annually over the past five years and 3,587 approved unbuilt home sites as of September 2022. The county's sewer customer base has grown from 2,625 in 2021 to 3,071 by mid-2022, underscoring the urgent need for enhanced sewage capacity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Effingham County, Georgia, is experiencing rapid growth that surpasses the national average, as evidenced by its flourishing residential communities, burgeoning industrial sectors, and significant economic developments. This expansive growth, fueled by new subdivisions, industrial warehouses, chemical plants, and major projects like the Hyundai Motors plant, has placed considerable stress on local infrastructure, particularly the water and sewer systems.

This project not only aims to meet current demands but also anticipates future growth, ensuring that Effingham County can continue to develop without compromising environmental sustainability or the quality of life for its residents. Through this initiative, Effingham County is taking a proactive approach to infrastructure development that will support its rapid growth, boost economic benefits, ensure compliance reliability, and significantly enhance the overall community welfare.

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 "Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress