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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Darien, Georgia Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Darien, Georgia, located at 702 North Way, Darien, GA 31305.

The funding would be used for constructing a wastewater treatment plant to handle up to 1 million gallons per day of the City's wastewater at a more environmentally sound treatment level.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Darien is small city but has the closest downtown area from an I-95 interchange in the entire state and just a few short miles from Hyundai's new Kia EV plant. The downtown area also lies adjacent to a navigable waterway. The City also lies completely in the jurisdiction of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission. Because of these factors, the city has experienced and will continue to experience unprecedented residential and commercial growth, to include a 30 acre travel center geared towards commercial transfer trucks as well as continuous interest from suppliers to the Hyundai plant in the McIntosh County Industrial Development Authority's industrial park. The industrial park is a customer of the city's wastewater treatment plant. Capacity is imperative for the growth of this historically impoverished community. Despite this desperate need for growth, improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant will be done in a manner that balances the need for commercial growth with the rich ecological and cultural heritage. Without outside funding, the community cannot afford these improvements.

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,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress