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March 20, 2026

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 HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Clark Sanitary Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Correction and Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Clark, located at 430 Westfield Ave, Clark, NJ 07066.

The funding would be used for a phased, condition-based sanitary sewer rehabilitation and replacement program that will target high-priority segments of the system which will be identified through inspection and flow analysis. This will include Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Rehabilitation, Full Sewer Main Replacement, Manhole Rehabilitation, and Joint Sealing and Point Repairs as needed. By stabilizing and rehabilitating the aging sanitary sewer infrastructure, the Township will prevent untreated wastewater from potentially impacting the Pumpkin Patch Brook, the Clark Wildlife Preserve (formerly the Middlesex Water Company Reservoir), and the Rahway River Basin. This directly supports water quality protection within the watershed and advances the objectives of the Clean Water Act.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will systematically evaluate, rehabilitate, and replace aging critical infrastructure constructed in the 1950s. By implementing a condition-based rehabilitation strategy, the Township will improve water quality, extend asset life, reduce lifecycle costs, and improve long-term system sustainability.

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 black ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress