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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Critical Sewer Modernization in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive this funding is the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, located at 59-17 Junction Blvd, Flushing, New York 11373. This funding would upgrade the existing outfall at Paerdegat Ave North and 4th St, and the associated stormwater sewer from the outfall up 4th St to Avenue K and E 81st St. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it would allow full realization of sewer upgrades that will be constructed as part of the Avenue J project as well as provide increased capacity to service the broader area. Upgrades to the storm sewers and outfall will ensure longevity and functionality to continue to drain the neighborhood.

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

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, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries".

HAKEEM JEFFRIES
Member of Congress