May 1, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa De Lauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Thornville Regional Wastewater Plant Modernization & Capacity Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Thornville, located at 1 S. Main Street, Thornville, Ohio 43076. The funding would be used to support critical regional infrastructure upgrade that will protect water quality, increase treatment capacity, and enable economic development throughout Northern Perry County and the Buckeye Lake region. The funding would modernize core treatment systems, including headworks, ultraviolet disinfection, tertiary filtration, and equalization to improve operational efficiency and reduce phosphorus discharges into Buckeye Lake. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Village of Thornville's treatment facility is at capacity and with anticipated growth and future development opportunities, the county needs to expand their sewer system.

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,

Troy Balderson

Member of Congress