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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Rochester Water Infrastructure Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rochester, MN, located at 204 4th Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

The funding would be used for the sanitary sewer improvements that are critical to increasing the suitability of property in Rochester for housing and economic development. In particular, water infrastructure upgrades will support future residential, commercial, and industrial growth near the Rochester Airport and along the Zumbro River. Federal investment will help to strengthen the regional and state economy by unlocking capacity for additional housing and economic growth.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it seeks to ensure Rochester's sanitary sewer collection system continues to meet the needs of the community by moving wastewater from homes and businesses throughout the community to the Water Reclamation Plant for treatment. The sanitary sewer collection system consists of over 500 miles of City-owned sewer pipe and over 12,000 structures such as lift stations and siphons.

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,



Brad Finstad
Member of Congress