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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure to serve with you on the Committee on Appropriations, and I value your leadership.

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Erie County Port Authority in Sandusky, Ohio, in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Erie County Port Authority located at 604 W Washington St, Suite 1, Sandusky, OH 44870.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate sections of existing sanitary infrastructure for the purpose of removing excessive clear water inflow and infiltration from Erie County's west side sewerage systems. During high flows, Erie County conveys an overwhelming volume of sewage through connection points into the City of Sandusky. As a result of this situation, the City and County experience significant capacity issues which lead to sewer overflows and basement backups.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it would ensure environmentally compliant wastewater infrastructure in the Greater Sandusky Region, a corridor key to regional economic investment, provide adequate utility capacity to enable residential development to address housing demand and workforce needs, and to protect public health and the environment. The project would lead to residential development thereby increasing the local and federal tax bases and lessening reliance on Federal funding in the future.

This 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 that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress