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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 \$3,000,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work with the Village of Kelleys Island, Ohio, the non-federal interest, in Fiscal Year 2027 to construct the first phase of a new sanitary collection system and wastewater treatment plant. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, located at 478 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. The address of the non-federal interest, the Village of Kelleys Island is 121 Addison Street, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

The funding would be used to construct a new sanitary collection network, a new pump station, and a modern wastewater treatment plant on Kelleys Island. This initial phase will eliminate up to seven failing private commercial treatment systems, each with public health violations, as well as numerous aging residential septic systems all of which discharge directly to Lake Erie.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by replacing failing systems with a centralized sanitary collection and treatment system, the project will significantly improve public health, protect Lake Erie's water quality, and establish reliable long-term wastewater infrastructure for the community.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219(f)(558) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-580) and Section 594 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-53). 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 that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress