

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1408

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the WestGate@Crane Technology Park/Town of Crane Water & Wastewater Expansion Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is WestGate@Crane Technology Park located at 13598 East WestGate Drive, Odon, IN 47562

The funding would be used for the construction of a new wastewater 300,000 gpd treatment plant, upgrades to both the water & wastewater collection systems, enhancements to the wellfields supplying water to the park, and an upgraded water main from the wellfields to the technology park. The project also includes transitioning the Town of Crane's wastewater treatment from NSA Crane to the new 300,000 gpd facility proposed at WestGate.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project aims to address the current and future water and wastewater capacity needs of WestGate@Crane Technology Park and the Town of Crane, both closely connected to NSA Crane. These improvements are essential for supporting NSA Crane's mission capabilities, the regional defense-tech ecosystem, and boosting the economy in Southwest Indiana. The primary justification for the project lies in its comprehensive nature and the significant scale of improvements compared to the existing infrastructure.

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. and Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. This project is both a Drinking Water and Clean Water/Wastewater project.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mark Messmer
Member of Congress