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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Leavenworth Wastewater Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the town of Leavenworth, Indiana.

The funding would be used to build a new wastewater treatment plant for the city. The existing WWTP was in operation in 2002 and much of the equipment is aged and deteriorated. In addition, Leavenworth Utility has growth that is located outside of Town limits within the County, near Interstate 64 and State Road 66. This report evaluates capital improvement alternatives, in addition to rehabilitation, to provide substantial capacity upgrades in order to support the continuous growth demand in Crawford County, at this intersection. WWTP The proposed project includes WWTP Improvements – The existing WWTP was complete and in operation in 2002. Several pieces of equipment are deteriorated, failed or on the verge of failure. The WWTP improvement will allow for a capacity increase from 0.24 MGD to 0.49 MGD (Average Daily Flow), from 1.28 MGD to 1.39 MGD (Peak Daily Flow) and from 1.28 MGD to 2.05 MGD (Peak Hourly Flow) to accommodate potential future growth in the County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because not only does the Leavenworth Wastewater Treatment Plan serve the residents of Leavenworth, it also services residents outside the town limits near around Interstate 64. There is a need for expansion of the WWTP for the growing industry and business at the interstate and for the new housing developments. This project will benefit the entire county. This project will also address safety and health concerns. Maintenance of the aeration equipment is difficult and poses safety concerns.

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,

Mark Messmer
Member of Congress