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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Montgomery for Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades. The entity to receive funding for this project is Montgomery, Indiana.

The funding would be used to build a new wastewater treatment facility. Montgomery's wastewater treatment facility is overcapacity and exceeds discharge limits due to this, with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management prohibiting new connections. This has stalled residential and commercial growth, despite strong demand. To address this, the Town proposes expanding capacity from 90,000 to 200,000 gallons per day by upgrading the system—including covered aeration lagoons, enhanced screening, disinfection upgrades, a new control building, and a backup generator. These improvements are essential for public health and future expansion. With more families expected due to nearby West Gate Crane development to support our national defense, and local amenities such as a new park, future trail improvements and 2024 Blue Ribbon schools attracting interest, Montgomery's growth remains blocked by infrastructure limitations. Grant applications have failed with SRF and Rural Development, leaving residents facing potential monthly rates exceeding \$200 per household if financed with 100% loans. Sewer bills in Indiana typically range from \$40- \$80. The Town has already spent over \$3,000,000 on upgrading its lift stations and collection system. Now the town just need assistance for this final phase of our over sewer system improvement project. The closest sewer system to Montgomery is over 4 miles away in one direction and 6 miles in the other so growth in this stretch would be non-existent. The Town has had discussions with property owners and developers, but these talks can't move further without this needed upgrade. Immediate upgrades are necessary to secure Montgomery's economic future and maintain quality of life.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in order for the town of Montgomery to continue to grow and expand, a new wastewater facility is needed, as the current one is overcapacity.

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. 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