

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Flensburg's Infrastructure Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Flensburg, MN, located at PO Box 70, Flensburg, MN 56328.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the community's aging sanitary sewer system, originally constructed in the 1950s and now in poor condition due to cracked pipes, root intrusion, sagging lines, and areas of partial collapse. These deficiencies have led to ongoing maintenance issues and multiple sewer backups affecting homes and businesses. The project includes replacing deteriorated sewer mains, manholes, and service laterals, as well as improving the existing meter building, to restore reliable operation and address public health and sanitation concerns.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a failing sanitary sewer system that is already causing backups and poses risks to public health and property. Its purpose is to replace deteriorated pipes, manholes, and service connections, and improve system components to eliminate leaks, collapses, and inflow and infiltration issues. By investing in these upgrades now, the community can prevent more severe failures, reduce costly emergency repairs, and ensure a safe and reliable wastewater system for residents and businesses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c).

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

Sincerely,



Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress