

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2307

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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 Lake Titlow Dam Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gaylord, MN, located at 332 Main Ave., P.O. Box 987, Gaylord, MN 55334.

The funding would be used to implement the City of Gaylord's plan to remove the old dam's concrete debris and rock. It is planned to design a steel pile dam replacement structure. The poor soil conditions will require deep foundations (piling) to support a concrete structure. With the sheet pile weir, a sluice gate or a section of stop logs will be installed to manage the lake level and downstream water flow. The dam replacement project is scheduled for completion in 2028.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is for the replacement of the dam on Lake Titlow which is a public facility. The new dam will mitigate flooding, high water bypass, and downstream erosion. The new dam will allow lake levels to be managed, ensure dam/lake integrity, and improve up and downstream water quality in the Rush, Minnesota, and Mississippi Rivers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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