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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,680,000.00 in funding for the Borough of Cliffside Park Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Cliffside Park located at 525 Palisade Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010.

The Borough of Cliffside Park Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Project would fund the replacement of deteriorated sanitary sewer pipes and installing new stormwater piping to eliminate cross-connections between stormwater and sanitary systems, thereby strengthening public health protections and environmental compliance. The project scope includes installing approximately 2,000 linear feet of new HDPE storm sewer pipe, constructing new stormwater inlets and manholes, modifying existing inlets, rehabilitating sections of the sanitary sewer through cured-in-place lining, and replacing portions of sanitary sewer piping with new PVC pipe. This high-priority project is essential to maintaining the Borough's environmental integrity and protecting public health.

This project is an acceptable and valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it will support the Borough's current wastewater management needs by implementing upgrades to the sanitary and stormwater systems to eliminate overflows. The project will create vital improvements that will not only help strengthen the stormwater system's reliability but also will improve the health of the community by mitigating backflow into homes and streets and contaminant water quality.

The Borough of Cliffside Park is able to meet the minimum 20% cost share requirement under the EPA STAG requirement.

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, including for the construction, repair, or replacement of decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nellie Pou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "N".

Nellie Pou

Member of Congress

9th Congressional District of New Jersey