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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 \$5,000,000 in funding for the Rochelle Park Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Rochelle Park located at 3 Lotz Lane, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

The funding would be used to construct a modern flood-resilient pumping station to replace the existing pumping station on 3 Lotz Lane. However, with the increase of severe weather events over the past ten years has left the current pumping station unable to effectively prevent stormwater backups and overflows posing contaminate harm to community members. The current Rochelle Park Pumping station is below the Base Flooding Elevation (BFE). With these factors combined, the Rochelle Park Pumping Station is prone to flood damage and subsequent deactivation, putting approximately one-third of households at risk of heavy flooding and the entire Township at risk of combined sewer overflow. The funding will allow the Township of Rochelle park to decommission the old station and replace it with a new state-of-the-art pump station, comminutor chamber, generator and force main—moving the pumping site 150 feet east of the floodway and elevating the station to the BFE, ensuring that it can withstand extreme weather events that are common in this area.

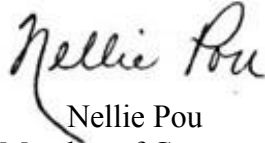
The goal of the Rochelle Park Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Construction Project is protect current wastewater management needs by implementing upgrades to the sanitary and stormwater systems to eliminate overflows. The project will create vital improvements that will not only help strengthen the stormwater system's reliability but also will improve the health of the community by mitigating backflow into homes and streets and contaminant water quality.

The Rochelle Park Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Construction Project is an acceptable and valuable use of taxpayer dollars as it will improve the sanitary systems that residents rely on in the township to maintain public safety.

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 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, looping initial "N".

Nellie Pou
Member of Congress
9th Congressional District of New Jersey