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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Westwego Wastewater Treatment Plant Modernization in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Westwego, located at 1100 4th Street Westwego, LA 70094. The funding would be used to make critical upgrades to the City of Westwego's existing wastewater treatment facilities to enhance operational efficiency, improve environmental compliance, and increase capacity for future growth. This project will replace outdated mechanical and electrical systems, implement energy-efficient technologies, and improve sludge handling and nutrient removal processes. The modernization project aligns with state and federal water quality standards, ensuring long-term service reliability for residents and businesses throughout the Westwego area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it safeguards public health, protects local waterways, and ensures regulatory compliance. These upgrades will extend the facility's useful life, lower operational costs over time, and support economic development—delivering long-term value and environmental benefits to the community.

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.

Sincerely,

Troy A. Carter, Sr. Member of Congress