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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

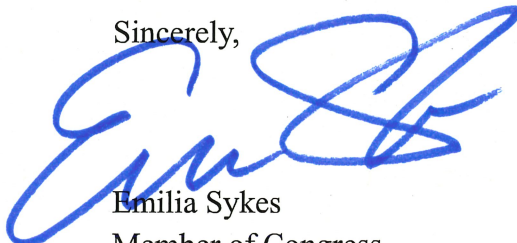
I am requesting \$20 million in funding for the Gorge Sanitary Sewer Replacement project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cuyahoga Falls located at 2310 Second Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The funding would be used to replace and relocate the 100-year-old Gorge Interceptor sewer from the Gorge Metro Park and connect more than 6,000ft of new sanitary sewer to Akron's Northside Tunnel at Front Street. It will improve local infrastructure, increase storage capacity during heavy rain and eliminate two sanitary sewer overflows that discharge into the Cuyahoga River.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve sanitary infrastructure for Cuyahoga Falls residents, provide greater upstream capacity, reduce sanitary sewer overflow, and address urgent environmental needs in the area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Emilia Sykes
Member of Congress