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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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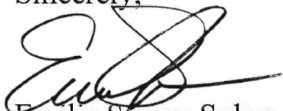
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for "New Franklin Portage Lakes State Park Water/Sewer Project" in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New Franklin, OH, whose offices are located at 5611 Manchester Road, New Franklin, OH 44319. The location of this project is Roble Rd/Rawlins Ave/Latham Lane/Portage Lakes State Park, New Franklin, OH 44319. The City of New Franklin would use this funding to extend sewer and water from existing systems in the city approximately one mile to the Portage Lakes State Park, a 411-acre ODNR facility within New Franklin, and also bring sewer and water to St. Luke Lutheran Home (a 71-bed senior center), the New Franklin Tudor House Events Center, and the adjoining lakefront/lakeside neighborhoods. All of these facilities and entities are currently serviced by well and septic, with eventual discharge of effluent to the Portage Lakes. The funding is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide clean, safe public drinking water that will improve the quality of life for visitors, the local residents of the St. Luke Community, and will improve and preserve the water quality of the Portage Lakes.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized 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 Strong Sykes
Member of Congress