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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bluff Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Improvements project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bethany-Warr Acres Public Works Authority located at 6700 NW 36<sup>th</sup>, Bethany, OK 74008. The funding would be used to address significant operational deficiencies. The plant is in need of new feed pumps, aerobic digesters, sludge drying beds, and new chlorination/dechlorination facilities, amongst other things.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the plant is currently in violation with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and this funding will allow the wastewater treatment plant to meet current regulatory discharge requirements and put the facility in a position to be back in compliance with ODEQ.

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,



Stephanie Bice  
Member of Congress