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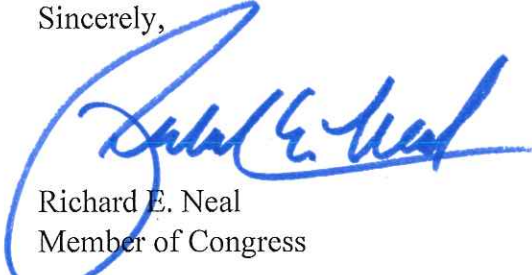
The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Blandford Water Treatment & Distribution System Upgrades in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Blandford, located at 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008. The funding would be used to separate the City's sewer system to prevent combined sewer overflow which has been threatening the nearby Connecticut and Chicopee rivers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical water infrastructure need while addressing public health and environmental concerns. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

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