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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2026

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 the City of Chicopee for Wastewater Treatment Plant Nitrogen Reduction Project Phase 2 in Fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chicopee, located at 17 Springfield Street, Chicopee MA, 01013.

This project will support the next phase of a critical, multi-stage wastewater treatment plant improvement initiative aimed at reducing nitrogen loading to the Connecticut River basin and Long Island Sound. Funding will enable substantially greater nitrogen reductions than those achieved in Phase 1 and will support the construction of new treatment tanks and facility buildings. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it advances the City's ability to meet environmental regulations, protects downstream ecosystems, and improves regional water quality for communities across the watershed.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard E. Neal".

Richard E. Neal  
Member of Congress