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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,090,000.00 for the Mitigating Against & Preventing Wastewater Bypass in Richlands, VA project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive this funding is County of Tazewell, Virginia, with offices located at 197 Main Street, Tazewell, VA 24651.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the funding would be used to mitigate and prevent overflows in the Town of Richlands during major flooding events that lead to untreated raw sewage/wastewater entering local streams and waterways and flowing into resident's homes and yards – an obvious disastrous occurrence which would have substantial environmental and health and safety consequences.

One of the main waterways in the area is the Clinch River. This project will help protect the water quality in the Clinch. The Clinch River has the greatest biodiversity of freshwater mussels in the United States.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1)(D).

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, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith".

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress