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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,309,810.00 for the Western Hills Sanitary Sewer Replacement project in fiscal year 2026. This funding would be used to replace approximately 3,700 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer and approximately 2,500 linear feet of 10" sanitary sewer. Also included in the project is the replacement of 22 sanitary sewer manholes, public lateral replacements for all the connections, and cleanouts for all of the connections.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Bedford Regional Water Authority (“Authority”), with offices located at 1723 Falling Creek Road, Bedford, VA 24523.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Authority is experiencing increased flows in the Western Hills sanitary sewer system related to infiltration/inflow (“I/I”). This I/I in the Western Hills subdivision diminishes the capacity that is available for economic development growth on the entire western side of the Town of Bedford. Several recent economic development projects, like the recently opened Royal Farms convenience store and the proposed Hampton Inn hotel, have demonstrated the importance of having capacity available in the sewer system to allow for the growth of commercial enterprises. This project would help bring capacity back to the sewer system to allow for future growth.

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,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress