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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Pipe Rehabilitation – Columbia Pike/Sparrow Pond section of the Four Mile Run Interceptor in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite #302, Arlington, VA 22201

The collection and treatment of wastewater are among the most critical elements of protecting community health. This project is necessary to prevent the discharge of harmful sewage into Four Mile Run stream, the largest stream flowing through Arlington County. The section of Four Mile Run stream adjacent to the interceptor sewer has been closed in the past due to wastewater releases into the stream, causing significant public health impact.

This project benefits Virginia taxpayers and business owners by ensuring the safe and effective conveyance of their wastewater flows to the Arlington County Water Pollution Control Plant. Rehabilitation of the line will also reduce infiltration and inflow into the sewer, which will result in less energy and chemical consumption for unnecessary treatment processes. The section of Four Mile Run stream, the largest stream flowing through Arlington County, adjacent to the interceptor sewer has been closed on several occasions in the past following heavy rain events and overflows causing wastewater releases into the stream. These events have significant impacts to the families that enjoy Glencarlyn Park/Playground/Dog Park and the popular Four Mile Run and Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trails situated along the project segment.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,