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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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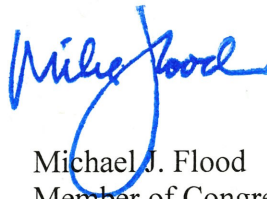
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Norfolk Industrial Wastewater Treatment Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Norfolk, NE located at 509 N. 5th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701. The goal of project is to centralize treatment of industrial waste at the City Wastewater Plant. Funding would be used to segregate 1 million gallons per day of industrial waste from the municipal sewer system in approximately 12,000 linear feet of new piping and include a lift station at the plant. Current industrial flow accounts for approximately 25-30% of total daily flow to the plant. Segregation will increase capacity in the existing sewer system for additional residential, commercial, and light industry development. Future improvements will include directing industrial waste to anaerobic lagoons at the plant which would provide approximately 60% reduction in biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) loading.

This project is an appropriate responsible use of taxpayer funds as it represents a strategic investment in critical public infrastructure that supports economic development, environmental protection, and long-term community growth. Wastewater treatment systems are essential for protecting public health and water quality, and federal participation helps communities address infrastructure needs that exceed local funding capacity. Without expanded treatment infrastructure, Norfolk's wastewater system will lack the capacity necessary to support existing industry or future industrial growth. This project will isolate industrial wastewater flows as part of a larger project to construct new pretreatment capacity supporting existing industry and creating additional capacity for residential, commercial, and light industrial development. This investment will protect water quality, support high-quality manufacturing and food processing jobs, and strengthen the agricultural supply chain that serves dairy producers across Nebraska. Ensuring adequate wastewater treatment capacity allows these industries to continue operating while maintaining compliance with the Clean Water Act and protecting local waterways. By expanding critical infrastructure, this project ensures Norfolk can continue to serve as a regional economic driver for communities throughout Nebraska's First Congressional District.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Flood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Michael J. Flood
Member of Congress