April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 2051

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Downe Township Sewer Infrastructure in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Government of Downe Township on the Delaware Bayshore in New Jersey, 08311.

The communities of Gandy’s Beach and Fortescue are two of the last inhabited Delaware Bayshore communities. The communities face several threats, including groundwater contamination owing to existing malfunctioning septic systems. The septic systems are the impetus for the sewer installation: they remain the most critical infrastructure to sustain and protect the natural and human environment in these communities. The neighborhoods consist of approximately 423 homes and businesses and have attracted generations of nature enthusiasts, families, and those who live off the land. In addition, this project will provide for economic development along the Delaware Bayshore.

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

Sincerely,

Jefferson Van Drew  
April 28, 2021