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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chair Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves Ranking Member Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting a funding increase of \$100,000,000 for the Mississippi Environmental Assistance Project in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022.

- The project sponsors for this project are non-federal entities, including cities, towns, and counties across . Mississippi, located across various areas of the State of Mississippi.
- The project is located across all Mississippi Congressional Districts (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th). .
- The purpose of this project is to assist localities in addressing critical water and wastewater needs. Much . of the State's current drinking water infrastructure is beyond or nearing the end of its design life, and most wastewater treatment systems in Mississippi operate within their design capacity. The 592 program has proven to be effective within the State of Mississippi and diligently and effectively carried out by USACE Civil Works.
- The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit communities in . addressing critical water and wastewater needs throughout the state. Furthermore, the addition of stormwater management, drainage systems, and water quality enhancement projects will allow the Corps to assist communities with solutions in these expanded project purposes.

I certify that neither I, my spouse, nor other immediate family members have a financial interest in this proposed environmental infrastructure project request.

Thank you for consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest Member of Congress

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