February 25, 2022

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 funding for the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022.

- The project sponsor for this project is the City of Meridian, Mississippi, and is located in the city of Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, zip codes 39301-39307.

- The project is located in the Third Congressional District of Mississippi.

- The purpose of this project is to assist the City of Meridian to meet its critical water infrastructure needs, including water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

- The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the local community by reducing significant stormwater runoff in certain areas of the City, which can result in flash-flooding and sewer system overflows. Oftentimes, the most economically distressed neighborhoods are in the lower areas of the City, near the major drainage outfalls of Sowashee and Gallagher Creeks and their tributaries. Hence, the most significant risks for flooding and sewage overflows are occurring in these economically distressed neighborhoods.

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