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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

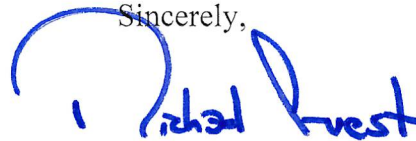
I am requesting funding for the Rankin County, Mississippi, Watershed-Based Stormwater Program project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Rankin County Board of Supervisors located at 211 East Government Street, Brandon, Mississippi, 39042. The funding would be used to implement stormwater improvements in the Richland Creek and Hanging Moss-Pearl River watersheds that were identified in the Rankin County Watershed-Based Stormwater Assessment & Management Plan. Specifically, the project would enable stormwater management infrastructure enhancements that would reduce flood risk and improve water quality. These areas suffer from chronic flooding and water quality issues and are some of the most disadvantaged areas in the County. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality has classified the Richland Creek and Hanging Moss-Pearl River watersheds as priority watersheds based on poor environmental factors. The improvements proposed would result in positive benefits not only to Rankin County residents but all residents downstream within the Pearl River basin.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized section 8375 (a)(351) of PL 117-263 (Water Resources Development Act of 2022).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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