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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rankin County, Section 219, MS project in Brandon, Mississippi, in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Vicksburg District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi, for the purpose of funding the Rankin County, Section 219, MS project. The funding would provide for the implementation of stormwater improvements in the Pelahatchie Creek Watershed that were identified in the Rankin County Watershed-Based Stormwater Assessment & Management Plan. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because these areas suffer from chronic flooding and water quality issues, mainly the Ross Barnett Reservoir, which is the drinking water source for the City of Jackson; and the project would allow for improvements to include stormwater management infrastructure enhancements that would reduce flood risk and restore water quality.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1304 (b)(2)(NN) of PL 118-272 (Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024).

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,



Michael Guest
Member of Congress

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