

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2207

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for **Water Infrastructure Improvements** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of St. Johns, located at 100 E. State Street, Suite 1100, St. Johns, MI 48879**. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the continued delivery of safe, reliable drinking water and wastewater services, address aging infrastructure, reduce inflow and infiltration that threatens system capacity, and protect public health and environmental quality for residents in Clinton County and surrounding communities.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in **Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926)**, which authorizes USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal grants for projects that improve access to safe and reliable water and wastewater services in rural communities.

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

Sincerely,



Tom Barrett
Member of Congress