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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Croton Falls Sewer Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of North Salem located at 266 Titicus Road, North Salem, NY 10560-1708. The funding would be used for installing sewers in the Village of Croton Falls General Business district to replace existing septic and cesspool. The Village is struggling because some of its businesses, especially all of the restaurants which have mixed use with residential apartments over them, are on older septic tanks that cannot be upgraded due to a lack of space.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the project's immediate proximity to the Muscoot Reservoir, part of New York City's drinking water supply. Many existing tanks and leach fields are located on New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) property or under public roadways. Several systems cannot be repaired if they fail, creating serious environmental and public health risks.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lawler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Lawler" clearly distinguishable.

Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress