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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Somers Business District Sewer Main Installation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Somers located at 335 Route 202, Somers, NY, 10589. The funding would be used to replace aging septic systems and install a new municipal sewer main in the downtown business hamlet. By connecting the district to centralized wastewater treatment, the project will reduce nutrient loading, protect groundwater and surface water resources, and ensure a safe and reliable clean water supply for current and future residents, employees, and the public. The sewer alignment lies within the Town's Groundwater Protection Overlay District, ensuring that critical groundwater resources are safeguarded while providing modern wastewater infrastructure in a high-priority area.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses significant public health, environmental, and water quality risks posed by outdated and capacity-limited septic systems. By providing centralized wastewater treatment, the project supports sustainable community growth, protects sensitive environmental resources and strengthens long-term infrastructure resilience. In addition, it enables economic development and commercial revitalization in the downtown business hamlet by allowing properties to expand, accommodate mixed-use redevelopment, and attract new businesses. These benefits provide measurable, long-term value to the community, the local economy, and the environment, making the project a responsible investment of federal resources.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act.

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 legible.

Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress