April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for MIDDD segment 6 sewer rehabilitation project in Macomb County, Michigan in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District, located at 21777 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036

In 2016, a catastrophic sinkhole occurred on the Macomb Interceptor Drain (MID) that destabilized the sewage system for over 800,000 Macomb County residents and businesses. Subsequent examination of all segments of the system showed additional sites of imminent failure and a plan has been made to rehabilitate the entire MID system. Segment 6 is the second section of the pipe that is being rehabilitated with the cost of $16 Million. This project is essential for the continuation of adequate sewage disposal in the drainage district, which includes the communities of Sterling Heights, Shelby Township, Utica, Macomb Township, Chesterfield Township, New Haven, and Harrison Township, Lenox, and Washington Township.

During the extensive sewer examination of the entire MID system, it was discovered that hydrogen sulfide gas had degraded the interior of the pipe. To minimize the damaging effects of hydrogen sulfide gas, we are applying to fund the Foul Air Duct (FAD) system, an essential component of this project. The FAD transports damaging hydrogen sulfide from the sewer system. Eliminating hydrogen sulfide from the system will extend the useful life of the sewer and help to prevent future costly failures. The total cost of the FAD system is $1.3 Million. I am requesting federal funding of $1 Million for the FAD system; $300,000 will be paid by the Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District in matching funds.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Lisa McClain
Member of Congress