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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of LaGrange's Wastewater Plant Upgrades which include Belt Presses and Thermoblenders. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of LaGrange, located at 200 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, GA 30240.

The funding would be used to provide reliable solids handling operations and meet the demands of the growing City of LaGrange. The solids handling operations objective is to dewater and remove the solid material from the plant. With the current equipment, most of which is over 30 years old, we cannot keep up with the expected growth. We operate a conveyance system (thermoblender) that could shut the entire process down for an extended time. Repair parts of the outdated equipment are becoming harder to acquire, leading to longer shutdowns. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because failure of this system would be catastrophic and lead to permit violations as well as potentially causing sewage spills into Long Cane Creek and the Chattahoochee River basin.

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,



Member of Congress