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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Lake Washington Sanitary Sewer Lake Lines Program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bellevue, located at 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue WA 98004. The funding would be used for the City of Bellevue to plan for replacing the nearly 15 miles of sewer lines along the shorelines of Lake Washington.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly serve the approximately 1,900 residential customers of Bellevue Utilities who are currently provided sewer service through an existing Lake Line sewer. This has a positive benefit to the region's economy by supporting the boating and fishing industries in our State, and will minimize the chance of environmental damage associated with a lake line failure.

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,



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Suzan K. DelBene  
Member of Congress