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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Westmoreland County - Biddle Property Access & Irwin Discharge Elimination Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Westmoreland County, located at 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

The funding would be used for initiating the efforts to eliminate the Irwin Discharge, one of the largest abandoned mine drainage discharges and restore approximately 13 miles of publicly available streams to a usable and habitable waterway. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) for the acquisition of real property for public purposes and 5305(a)(4) for the clearance and rehabilitation of areas for public utility improvements.

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

Sincerely,



Summer Lee
Member of Congress