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May 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa 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 Independence Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement project in fiscal year 2025.

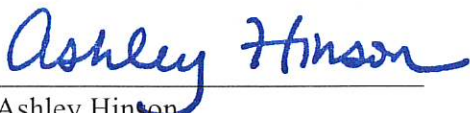
The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Independence, located at 331 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Independence, Iowa 50644. This project would take place at 2018 Three Elms Park Road, Independence, IA 50644

These funds will support a portion of the city's water infrastructure improvement project to construct a new plant with aerobic digestion for sludge management, final clarifiers for enhanced separation of solids, screening and grit removal equipment, oxidation ditches and a storage facility. The city's existing wastewater treatment plant was constructed nearly 50 years ago and is in critical need of improvements to continue to meet water quality standards. This project will improve treatment methods and UV disinfection to ensure cleaner, safer wastewater discharge. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the city to meet higher environmental standards, lower operational costs, and safeguard public health.

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

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson  
Member of Congress  
Committee on Appropriations