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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2025 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$5,000,000 for the Dubuque High Strength Waste project as a community project funding request through EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant, Clean Water State Revolving Fund account. The intended recipient is the City of Dubuque, located at 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. This project would take place at 795 Julien Dubuque Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52003.

This project will support the City of Dubuque's construction of dedicated high strength waste receiving and storage facilities at the city's Water and Resource Recovery Center. The Dubuque High Strength Waste project will support economic development in Eastern Iowa while improving the city's ability to process higher volumes of waste, significantly improving water quality for the community. The Dubuque Water and Resource Recovery Center has accepted a portion of local high strength waste for nearly a decade but has reached full capacity and can no longer meet the needs of the area. This has resulted in operational challenges for the city's anaerobic digesters and affected the facility's ability to adequately treat waste. As a result, the city must currently transport high strength waste to alternate facilities, increasing costs for taxpayers.

These funds will support the city's efforts to construct dedicated high strength waste receiving and storage facilities, screening equipment, and additional infrastructure to support the treatment process. Improvements to the facility will allow Dubuque to fully meet the community's need for high strength waste treatment, ensure higher standards for water and environmental quality, and reduce landfill waste. Such projects are core to the mission of the State and Tribal Assistance Grants program, which aims to support water infrastructure to improve public health and

environmental quality. Additionally, this project will play a crucial role in supporting existing local businesses and attracting new economic opportunities to the region.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY25 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations