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Chairman Tom Cole  
2207 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
2413 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Amherst in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Amherst, located at 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221. The funding would be used for the Town of Amherst Cryogenic Plant Upgrades to support construction and installation of a modernized cryogenic oxygen separation system at the Amherst Water Pollution Control Facility.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing cryogenic oxygen generating system is over 45 years old and has experienced repeated failures, forcing the Town to rely on emergency shipments of liquid oxygen to continue treating wastewater. Without a reliable system in place, the Town faces serious risk of an environmental disaster affecting Tonawanda Creek and its surrounding ecosystem. Replacing this critical infrastructure with a modern system will protect water quality, reduce energy consumption, eliminate costly emergency interventions, and lower operational costs for ratepayers. The project is shovel-ready and supported by \$6 million in municipal bonding already secured for the broader construction effort.

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., specifically for the upgrade of a wastewater treatment facility to protect water quality in Tonawanda Creek.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy  
Member of Congress