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April 28, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Sewer Lift Station Replacement** project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Birchwood Village** located at 207 Birchwood Avenue, Birchwood, MN 55110.

The funding would be used for the replacement of the City's current sewer lift station, which is subject to corroding/erosion due to a neighboring community's watermain break that flooded the station and has left the station permanently damaged. The station is functionally obsolete, OSHA non-compliant and subjects workers to poisonous sewer gases. There is just a five minute effluent storage capacity in the event of a pump failure. Such failure could cause catastrophic damage to the public water system and to White Bear Lake from sewage leaking/drainage into the lake, which is just 150 feet away. The entire City of Birchwood is reliant on this liftstation—there is no work-around option.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress