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

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree,

As you begin your work on the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request your consideration of the following funding priorities.

1. Monroe County-NW Quadrant Water Resource Recovery Facility

- a. Agency/Bureau: Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- c. Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

d. Project Description: Monroe County requests \$4,800,000 for necessary maintenance and upgrades to the aging Northwest Quadrant Water Resource Recovery Facility. This project will evaluate, design, and install finer screens. Wastewater treatment facilities that lack sufficient screening risk facing difficulties that include frequent equipment maintenance, frequent and extended equipment downtime, reduction in process efficiency, and expose operators to hazards.

e. Request Amount: \$4,800,000

2. Town of Victor—County Force 9 Force Main Replacement

- a. Agency/Bureau: Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- c. Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)
- **d. Project Description:** The Town of Victor requests \$1,002,944 for maintenance and upgrades for an aging sewer force main. This project involves replacing an existing sanitary sewer force main on County Road 9 in the Town of Victor. The original force main, installed around 1990, is a 10-inch ductile iron pipe approximately 1 mile long, running from 470 County Road 9 south to 683 County Road 9. The project proposes

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replacing the 10-inch ductile iron pipe with a 12-inch HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene) pipe. The larger diameter accounts for HDPE's thicker wall to maintain similar internal flow capacity. HDPE offers superior corrosion resistance and improved long-term durability compared to ductile iron.

e. Request Amount: \$1,002,944

3. Monroe County Water Authority—Systemwide Cybersecurity Modernization

- a. Agency/Bureau: Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- c. Program: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

d. Project Description: The Monroe County Water Authority requests \$1,900,000 for modernization resiliency measures. The funding would be used to secure the servers which operate all critical operations and data storage, install new backup systems to ensure rapid data recovery, fund resiliency testing and comprehensive vulnerability assessments, and install physical infrastructure security and state-of-the-art threat detection software.

e. Request Amount: \$1,900,000

4. Village of Brockport—Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade

- a. Agency/Bureau: Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Account: State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- c. Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

d. Project Description: The Village of Brockport requests \$3,000,000 to upgrade critical sewage collection system infrastructure and will include both sewer main and manhole rehabilitation, with a focus on reducing inflow and infiltration. The Village of Brockport sanitary sewer collection system consists of antiquated clay piping and brick manholes which have been frequently experiencing age related failures and collapses.

e. Request Amount: \$3,000,000

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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