

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3006**

May 2, 2025

The Hon. Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wheaton Branch Flood Mitigation in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Montgomery County, located at 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850. The funding would be used to reduce the risk of flooding of five homes, six additional residential properties, and Dennis Avenue, a major thoroughfare with an average daily traffic of 14,000 vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because repeated flooding affecting the area causes significant traffic delays and affects access to nearby medical facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Very truly yours,



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Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress