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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sustainable Biochar Facility at Flagstaff Wastewater Treatment Plant project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Flagstaff, AZ, located at 211 W Aspen Ave, Flagstaff AZ 86001.

The funding would be used to produce Biochar sorbents that will be used to process biosolids more efficiently while potentially improving odor control and water treatment processes. Conversion of municipal biosolids to biochar will reduce the cost of biosolids management while also assisting the City's and facility's sustainability goals and reducing its carbon footprint.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce costs to the taxpayers and water rate payers of Flagstaff through real estate, property, and operational savings. It is an opportunity to move to a more efficient and environmentally appropriate approach for biosolids management while meeting regulation and growth expectations and requirements.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS