



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

March 13, 2026

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:

I am requesting funding for Relocation of Bradenton Lift Station 8 Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bradenton, located at 101 12th St W, Bradenton, Florida, 34205.

The funding would be used to relocate and modernize Lift Station 8, including construction of a new submersible pump station and expanded collection system to support continued downtown growth, a critical sanitary sewer infrastructure component of the Manatee County Downtown Wastewater System Improvement Project.

This project is an appropriate and responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide reliability for the new development, address public health and safety concerns, and increase the resiliency of the City's overall sanitary sewer system. The project proposes a phased approach to upgrading the overall system from its current limited capacity to ultimate build-out, as needed for development.

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 (section 603(c)(1)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress

