



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Sludge Dewatering Project – Phase II in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Burlington, located at 851 Old York Rd, Burlington Twp, NJ 08016. The funding would be used to install dewatering equipment that will reduce sludge liquid content, cutting disposal costs, emissions, and transport time by enabling local processing at the county's Eco-Complex.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in 2022, the Township spent over \$442,000 to haul sludge on a 165-mile round trip for treatment, but installing dewatering equipment will allow disposal just seven miles away—cutting loads from 617 to 156 annually, slashing diesel use from 17,000 to 180 gallons, reducing CO2 emissions by 188 tons, and providing cost stability through predictable rates at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Conaway, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Herb Conaway, Jr., MD (NJ-03)
Congressman