

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0403

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Joyce  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and  
Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce,

I respectfully am requesting funding for the City of Yellville's Wastewater Collection & Treatment Improvements in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Yellville. The city's address is P.O. Box 47 Yellville, Arkansas 72687.

The City of Yellville's existing sanitary sewer collection system is in very poor condition. During the approximate the period from January 1, 2019, to April 30, 2021, the City of Yellville reported seventy-two (72) significant Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) in its sanitary sewer collection system. The reoccurring SSOs have and will continue to negatively impact the lives of the residents of Yellville. The manholes at four of these locations are on streets in residential or commercial areas. Additionally, if the issues go untreated, the sewage could reach the nearby bodies of water, greatly affecting the water quality and halting the recreation activities that residents enjoy. The proximity of the SSOs to people's homes, workplaces, and recreation areas could have detrimental effects to the public health, stunt population growth, and harm the economy of the City of Yellville and surrounding areas.

The project will fund the improvements necessary to correct the issues including the replacement of damaged clay pipe with PVC sewer main and fourteen manholes. Improvements to the lift stations on US Highway 62 and Arkansas Highway 14 would include the construction of an equalization basin at the former lift station, installation of generators, and other general improvements. Similarly, improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant would include construction of an anoxic basin, a new lift station, and improvements to the aeration system.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack  
Member of Congress