



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$250,000 in funding for the Borough of Paramus's Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Paramus, located at 1 Jockish Square Paramus New Jersey 07652. The entity is a local government entity. The project location is on Ikea Drive, Paramus, NJ, 07652.

The funding would be used to replace three sewer pumps within the station. The Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station has experienced increased demand as a result of new infrastructure within the Borough. In response to recent state legislation, Paramus revised ordinances to allow for redevelopment. As a result, the Borough now includes a hospital campus, in addition to Valley Hospital, and inclusionary development for affordable housing. Currently, this station handles 75% of the Borough's sewage flow, which then gets pumped to the Bergen County Utility Authority.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to help have significant impacts on public health and safety in the Borough as well as promote economic development in our region. The entire sewer pump upgrade project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.8 million dollars; however, the Borough is requesting \$250,000.00 to help with upgrades for three (3) pumps within the Prospect Avenue Sewer Pump Station. Overall, to keep up with economic development in the Borough, Valley Hospital, and new housing developments, Paramus' pump stations must be rehabilitated in order to have the capacity to support this future growth and continue economic development.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS