



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,500,000 for the Richland Wastewater Treatment Plant Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richland located at 625 Swift Boulevard in Richland, Washington, 99352.

The funding would be used to modernize and rehabilitate the anaerobic digester system at the Richland Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Richland's anaerobic digesters were constructed decades ago and now face significant structural wear, mechanical deterioration, and process inefficiencies. As the regional population grows and industrial activity increases, the digesters are approaching their functional and capacity limits. Without major upgrades, the City risks reduced solids-processing performance, increased operational disruptions, and difficulty meeting state and federal water-quality and biosolids-stabilization standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures the ongoing reliability, regulatory compliance, and long-term sustainability of one of the community's most critical public-health and environmental-protection assets.

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. (Clean Water Projects).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress