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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair
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 Chair Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of \$1,500,000 for the 24th Street In-Line Combined Sewer System (CSS) Storage Pipe as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Sacramento located at 24th Street from H to N Streets and K Street from 24th to 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because during large rain events, the City's combined sewer systems can be overwhelmed, leading to both wastewater and stormwater overflow into streets and yards. This surcharge is a public health and safety issue. The 24th Street project would install 2,700 linear feet of 108-inch diameter pipe on 24th Street between H and K Streets. This 108-inch pipe will provide storage to the combined system in the area to help prevent outflows and flooding. Additionally, this project will install a weir structure at the intersection of K and 25th Streets. This weir will help control overflow discharges and direct peak flows into the storage pipe so that combined sewer overflow volumes and frequencies are reduced.

2. Provide a funding level of \$2,000,000 for the Combined Sewer System Improvement Project - W Street and 25th Street Storage Facility as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Sacramento, and the project is located beneath W to U Street and 21st to 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because during large rain events, the City's combined sewer systems can be overwhelmed, leading to both wastewater and stormwater overflow into streets and yards. This surcharge is a public health and safety issue. The W Street and 25th Street project would greatly alleviate the overflow by installing almost 3,000 linear feet of larger sized pipes measuring from 21 to 36 inches in diameter in

the area between 21st Street to 25th Street and W Street to U Street. The current pipes are as small as 8 inches in diameter and are easily overwhelmed by sewer outflows. Additionally, an overflow storage facility will be installed that will be capable of holding a volume of 1.2 million gallons of combined storm water and wastewater and will include an inlet weir to help capture peak flows and control overflow discharges so that combined sewer overflow volumes and frequencies are reduced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Matsui". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "D".

DORIS MATSUI
Member of Congress