

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bear Creek Water Quality Restoration Project in Lakewood, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakewood, located at 480 S Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Funding will be used to restore the water quality at Bear Creek Reservoir, a critical waterbody within the South Platte River system. Recurring harmful algal blooms caused by excess phosphorus have created documented public health risks and increased treatment challenges and demands for downstream water providers. During bloom events, cyanobacteria and associated toxins can move downstream, placing added strain on water treatment systems and increasing risk for connected communities.

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 that reads "Brittany Pettersen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress