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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro The Honorable Kay Granger

Chairwoman Ranking Member

Committee on Appropriations Committee on Appropriations

Room H-307, The Capitol 1036 Longworth House Office Building

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Buffalo Green Infrastructure Stewardship and Workforce Development Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Buffalo Sewer Authority, located at 65 Niagara Square #1038, Buffalo, NY 14202.

The funding would be used to enable the Buffalo Sewer Authority and partners (Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. (HOCN), PowerCorpsPHL, The Service Collaborative of WNY, Inc.) to continue efforts to develop talent from the City of Buffalo's most underserved communities to meet the growing needs for green infrastructure maintenance workers to reduce stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflow (CSO) incidents in Western New dYork. The partners consist of not-for-profit organizations dedicated to developing sustainable projects to support the City of Buffalo. With this funding, Buffalo Sewer would support the establishment of a new office to engage out-of-school and out-of-work young adults and others from high-risk populations to enter into career pathways related to green infrastructure maintenance and environmental stewardship.

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

Sincerely,

**Brian Higgins** 

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