Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Tongass Sewer Force Main Rehabilitation Phase II Jefferson Street to Pump Station 4 in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ketchikan, located at 334 Front Street, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

The funding would be used for replacing the Tongass Sewer force main. A targeted effort to replace this critical infrastructure has been ongoing since 2001 and through numerous State and local projects have replaced approximately 80% of the force mains. The remaining original force mains are over forty year old iron pipes and have been observed to be beyond the end of their service life. These pipes are within a tidally influenced area and when combined with Ketchikan’s acidic soils their rate of failure is greatly accelerated making replacement of the remaining 20% of this system a high priority for the City. Recent studies by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation have found increased bacteria levels along Ketchikan’s shoreline further elevating the need to protect the environment from potential bacteria sources.

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

Sincerely,

Don Young
Member of Congress