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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Whittington Creek Detention Basin in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hot Springs, located at 133 Convention Boulevard, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 71901. This funding for the Whittington Creek Detention Basin Project is designed to address severe flooding in the historic downtown area of Hot Springs, particularly along Central Avenue, which has experienced historic inundation due to high-intensity rain events. The project proposes the construction of a strategically located detention basin north and west of downtown, following the alignment of Whittington Creek and positioned near the inlet of the Central Avenue tunnel. This basin will provide an estimated 10-15 acre-feet of storage capacity, slowing and reducing stormwater flows before entering the City's downtown conveyance system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proactive mitigation through this project will significantly reduce the likelihood and cost of future federally supported disaster responses along the Hot Springs Central Avenue Historic District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Bruce Westerman  
Member of Congress