

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

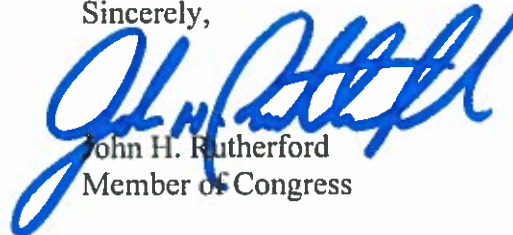
Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the City of Jacksonville and my constituents in Florida's 4th Congressional District, I am requesting \$3,300,000 for the Septic Tank to City Sewer Connection Project in the Fiscal Year 2023 Interior Appropriations Bill. The City of Jacksonville, located at 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 will receive the funding for this project.

If granted, this funding would help phase out failing septic tanks and connect homes to the city sewers system. While the City of Jacksonville has committed \$100 million to this effort over the next two years, this funding will help accelerate the process in economically challenged areas. Currently, leaking septic tanks are spilling into streets and the environment especially during strong storms. They are a major cause of pollution to the St. Johns River and other freshwater streams. By connecting homes to the city sewer, they will no longer have to rely on septic tanks that are prone to failure and water from shallow rock wells.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress