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To the Honorable Representative Janelle Bynum.

The newly formed Terrebonne Sanitary District has made significant progress in 2024/2025. Nearly 100 additional annexation applications were received from property owners in Terrebonne, signaling growing community interest and support for the system. The Terrebonne sanitary district will serve a community which continues to struggle with on-site sewer problems and the new system is urgently needed to continue to provide for both commercial and residential connections. The Terrebonne Sewer Planning & Design project is nearing a critical phase in where additional funding is essential to ensure its successful completion in 2025 with "shovel-ready" status.

We are requesting 2.5 million dollars to cover critical activities and ensure the project's successful completion.

The additional funding will help reduce the risk of exposure to wastewater effluent, preserving public and environmental health. It will also help preserve low-income housing at risk of septic system failure, which could lead to homelessness, and facilitate the development of workforce and affordable housing. Additionally, it is expected to eventually reduce the burden on Environmental Health Division staff resources related to dealing with onsite wastewater system issues in Terrebonne.

The additional funding will aid in successful construction of the Terrebonne Sanitary District project. This investment will help finalize the project and secure necessary funding for future efforts. Thank you for considering this request.

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