April 25, 2022

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro & Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Holbrook Sewer Project in fiscal year 2023 through the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Economic Development Initiative. The entity to receive funding for this project is Suffolk County located at 100 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

The potential investment will support Holbrook’s goals to create a true Main Street and share in the growth that is resulting because of the nearby Ronkonkoma Hub transit-oriented development. Holbrook has a one-mile section of commercial enterprise that has the potential to experience environmental, economic, and social expansion. The only way such benefits are realized is if a sewer system is constructed to service the potentially growing downtown area. The area exhibits the qualities for introducing mixed use zoning. The only impediment to the change in zoning and subsequent economic development efforts is the lack of sewers.

The project has already received financial support from other governmental entities, including a $2 million State and Municipal Capital Project Grant for the design and construction of sewers in Holbrook, and an appropriated $650,000 in design funds from Suffolk County. An estimated $8 million in construction cost remains and is preventing the project from moving forward.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Garbarino
Member of Congress