



United States Representative Brad Wenstrup (OH-02)
2335 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Committee on Appropriations
Community Project Funding Request FY25

Representative Wenstrup,

Jackson County Water Company respectfully requests your consideration of our application for funding for a waterline expansion project, which is the un-funded portion of a large project designated as the Phase 8b Garrett Ridge Project. The target area for this grant application is a remote area in Vinton County where residents are in need of safe, abundant drinking water. This project will dovetail into a project that already has funding in place, but will not build the entire area envisioned in the original scope of the project.

The funding requested will help complete this project, serving 31 additional homes in need of drinking water. We have worked diligently with area agencies, and yet funds are still needed. For this reason, Jackson County Water is in full support of this request. We appreciate your consideration of this project, and can assure you the residents in question are fully dependent and hopeful this funding can be realized.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Representative Wenstrup,

The Vinton County Commissioners enthusiastically support Jackson County Water Company's application for funding through Community Project Funding. The completed Phase 8 Garrett Ridge Project will bring water to over 80 households in Vinton County that do not have a reliable source of potable water and sustain service to another 127 customers in both Vinton and Jackson counties by replacing lines.

If funded, this infrastructure project will support the expansion of water service to over 300 households near McArthur in the next decade, and boost economic development in the area.

Bringing safe, reliable water to unserved homes is the highest priority of the Vinton County Commissioners. We believe this project would lay the groundwork for the expansion of water service not seen here in the last twenty years.

We appreciate your consideration of Jackson County Water Company's request, and are willing to provide any additional information that may be helpful about the impact of the project.

Sincerely,



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Representative Wenstrup,

The Vinton County Development Department supports the efforts of Jackson County Water Company to obtain support from the Community Project Funding to extend water lines along Garrett Ridge Road, Pretty Run Road and Goose Creek Road, serving approximately 80 households in an area that lacks good, reliable water. This water project will also lay the groundwork for future service expansions near McArthur and lead to economic development in the US Highway 50 corridor.

With approximately 46% of rural Vinton County households unserved by any water company, the Development Department is pleased to support a project to address this inequity. Bringing potable water to the residents lacking this vital resource has been a mission of this office for many years and we applaud Jackson County Water for taking these steps to extend service.

Sincerely,



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Re: Community Project Funding for Jackson County Water Co.

Representative Wenstrup:

The Vinton County Park District endorses Jackson County Water Company's application for Community Project Funding. Vinton County's Goosecreek Valley Project will bring water to at least 31 additional households on Pretty Run Road and Goosecreek Road that do not currently have a reliable source of potable water, in addition to multiple vacation rentals that are the backbone of our local tourism industry.

Together with the Jackson County Water Company's previously funded projects that are bringing water lines to Garrett Ridge and the intersection of Goosecreek and Pretty Run, this infrastructure project will complete a loop that will support the expansion of water service to over 300 households over the next decade and boost economic development in the area—an expansion of water service not seen in Vinton County in over twenty years. This will attract new tourism businesses in an area that is prime for that type of development. It's nearby to many existing lodging facilities and Le Petit Chevalier Farm Winery, as well as future potential park district properties.

We appreciate your consideration of Jackson County Water Company's application.

Sincerely,

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Representative Wenstrup,

The Vinton County Health Department supports Jackson County Water Company's request for Community Project Funding that will allow them to connect more customers to water as part of the Phase 8 Garrett Ridge Project. This water service expansion will bring water to over 80 households in Vinton County that do not have a reliable source of potable water. It will also improve lines that serve 127 customers in both Vinton and Jackson counties in order to sustain service to those homes.

If funded, this infrastructure project will lay the foundation for an expansion of water service to over 300 households near McArthur in the next decade.

Bringing safe, reliable water to unserved homes is very important to the health and safety of people in Vinton County.

We appreciate your consideration of Jackson County Water Company's request.

Sincerely,

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