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Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a critical infrastructure project in Rockbridge, located in Hocking County that requires federal support. As the lead engineer for the Rockbridge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, I am deeply concerned about the deteriorating state of the wastewater system in the Village.

The current system, predominantly comprised of Vitrified Clay Pipe, is plagued by significant inflow and infiltration issues, leading to overflows and environmental hazards. The village is operating under a consent decree with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, underscoring the urgency of addressing these concerns promptly.

Our comprehensive plan aims to modernize and rehabilitate the wastewater infrastructure by implementing Cured-in-place Pipe (CIPP) Lining and strategically replacing select components of the sewer system. However, the financial resources required for this endeavor exceed the village's capacity.

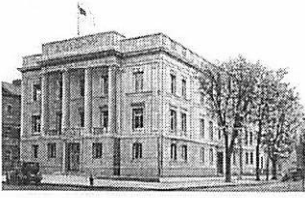
Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance in securing Congressionally directed spending funds to support the Rockbridge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Federal investment would not only alleviate the financial burden on the community but also expedite the implementation of necessary upgrades to the wastewater system, ensuring the health and well-being of its residents.

I am available to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I am writing to seek your support for the Rockbridge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, a critical infrastructure initiative in our community. As the Superintendent of the Hocking County Utilities Department and the one who oversees the sanitary system and wastewater treatment plant, I am deeply concerned about the deteriorating state of our wastewater system and the challenges it poses to public health and environmental sustainability.

The current system is plagued by significant inflow and infiltration issues, leading to overflows and environmental hazards at the wastewater treatment plant. We have done CCTV on the system and found there are trouble areas that could easily be fixed with Cured-in-place Pipe (CIPP) Lining and strategically replacing select components of the sewer system.

However, the financial resources required for this endeavor exceed our village's capacity. The village is low income for the majority of residents. The county commissioners also just completed puffing sewer in the unsewered areas throughout Hocking County making financial resources less available and grant funding a requirement to complete this project.

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance in securing Congressionally directed spending funds to support this project. Federal investment would not only alleviate the financial burden on our community but also expedite the implementation of necessary upgrades to our wastewater system, ensuring the health and well-being of our residents.

I am available to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding this project. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

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