## Village of West Union

33 Logans Lane West Union, OH 45693

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup Representative, District 2 US House of Representatives 170 North Main Street Peebles, OH 45660

Dear Mr. Wenstrup:

I am writing today in support of the Village of West Union's proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. The proposed UV sanitation system will help us move away from chemically treating wastewater, which is better for the environment with fewer chemicals making their way into the Ohio River. It is also better for our staff, who will no longer have to be subject to breathing in chemical vapors.

Additionally, we are requesting assistance to help with several slips at the WWTP facility. As you know, Adams County's topography and geology can be challenging. We have been struggling to maintain the slopes around the plant for some time. Despite our efforts, Ohio EPA has cited us several times. The proposed improvements will help us ensure the site will continue to operate safely for generations to come.

As a resident of Adams County and a leader for West Union, I know this is a good project. It has been in our community's plans and on our minds for many years, but we need assistance to make it happen. We are pledging \$193,000 toward the total project cost of \$965,000. We are requesting \$772,000 in federal funding and ask that you give this request your strongest support in the House to help us build a better future for Adams County.

Sincerely,

Jason Buda

Mayor, Village of West Union

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## **Adams County Economic Development**



Jenni Hupp, Assistant Director Jenni.Hupp@adamscountyoh.gov

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Brad R. Wenstrup House of Representatives 2335 Rayburn H.O.B. Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Wenstrup,

The West Union Wastewater Treatment Plant is the backbone of our community's infrastructure, and we wholeheartedly support its application for FY25 Community Project Funding. As stewards of West Union's welfare and development, we understand the crucial role this initiative plays in ensuring public health, environmental sustainability, and economic prosperity within our town.

The West Union Wastewater Treatment Plant is essential for maintaining the well-being of our residents and preserving our environment. Adding the capacity for UV treatment will reduce the dependency on chemicals, thereby reducing the plant's impact on the environment. As businesses continue to thrive in West Union, the demand for wastewater treatment services at the plant is expected to increase. Therefore, funding from the FY25 Community Project Funding would enable the plant to expand its capacity and infrastructure effectively, accommodating the anticipated growth in our community.

We commend the dedicated management and staff of the West Union Wastewater Treatment Plant for their unwavering commitment and professionalism in managing this critical facility. Their efforts ensure that our community's wastewater is treated responsibly, mitigating potential health and environmental risks.

In conclusion, we urge you to strongly consider endorsing the West Union Wastewater Treatment Plant's request for FY25 Community Project Funding. Investing in this essential infrastructure project will have a profound and positive impact on West Union's health, environment, and economic vitality.

Paul D. Worley, Director

Adams County Economic Development