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Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I am writing to bring to your attention the critical infrastructure needs of the Village of Williamsport, particularly regarding its wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), as well as the efforts being made to address these challenges.

As a Professional Engineer with extensive experience in municipal infrastructure projects, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the Village of Williamsport on assessing and developing solutions for its aging wastewater system. The current state of the Village's sanitary and storm sewer systems, with many components nearly a century old, presents significant challenges, particularly in terms of inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues.

The Village's wastewater treatment plant experiences high wet weather flows, leading to frequent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and violations with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Through comprehensive inspections and assessments, it has been determined that the primary cause of these issues is the deteriorating condition of the sewer infrastructure, including cracked clay tile, failed joint seals, corroded pipes, and compromised service laterals.

To address these challenges, the Village has developed a 25-year rehabilitation plan, which has received approval from the Ohio EPA. This plan outlines the necessary repairs, replacements, and upgrades needed to reduce I&I, mitigate SSOs, and bring the system into compliance with regulatory standards. However, funding constraints pose a significant barrier to the successful implementation of this plan.

I strongly believe that federal support is essential to addressing the infrastructure needs of the Village of Williamsport. Therefore, I urge you to consider supporting the Village's congressionally directed spending request for federal funding to support its wastewater infrastructure rehabilitation efforts. The allocation of federal funds towards this project would not only improve the reliability and efficiency of the wastewater system but also protect public health, safeguard the environment, and promote economic growth in the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your ongoing commitment to serving the needs of our communities. Should you require any further information or assistance regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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April 26, 2024

Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Mayor of Williamsport, I am writing to request your support for a congressionally directed spending request to address a critical infrastructure project in our community.

The Village of Williamsport is facing significant challenges with its wastewater infrastructure, particularly related to inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues. Our wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) experiences high wet weather flows, leading to frequent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and violations with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These overflows not only pose environmental and public health risks but also disrupt the proper functioning of our treatment plant.

To address these challenges, the Village has developed a comprehensive 25-year rehabilitation plan, which has received approval from the Ohio EPA. The plan aims to investigate and rehabilitate our aging sewer systems to reduce I&I and bring our infrastructure into compliance with regulatory standards. However, funding for this critical project remains a significant obstacle.

We are seeking your assistance in securing federal funding to support the implementation of our rehabilitation plan. Specifically, we are requesting \$1,000,000 in congressionally directed spending to be allocated towards this project. This funding will enable us to conduct necessary repairs, replace deteriorating infrastructure, and upgrade our sewer systems to prevent SSOs and ensure the proper treatment of wastewater in our community.

Addressing these infrastructure challenges is essential not only for the environmental and public health of Williamsport but also for the economic well-being and quality of life of our residents. By investing in our wastewater infrastructure, we can protect our water resources, support sustainable development, and promote a healthier environment for current and future generations.

I want to thank you for your continued support and advocacy on behalf of our community. Your assistance in securing federal funding for this critical project would have a lasting and positive impact on the residents of Williamsport. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this request further and to work together towards finding a solution to our infrastructure needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Bush", written over a horizontal line.

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April 26, 2024

Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I am writing to express my strong support for the congressionally directed spending request submitted by Mayor Tim Bush on behalf of the Village of Williamsport to address critical infrastructure needs at our wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

As a long time, employee at the WWTP, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges and limitations imposed by our aging sewer systems. The high wet weather flows and frequent Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) not only jeopardize the effectiveness of our treatment processes but also pose significant risks to public health and the environment.

The rehabilitation plan proposed by the Village of Williamsport is a crucial step towards modernizing our infrastructure and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations. However, securing adequate funding for this project is essential to its success.

The requested congressionally directed spending would provide much-needed support for our efforts to upgrade and repair our sewer systems. This funding would enable us to address issues such as inflow and infiltration (I&I), corroded pipes, and failing infrastructure, thereby reducing SSOs and improving the overall reliability and efficiency of our treatment operations.

Investing in our wastewater infrastructure is not only a matter of public health and environmental protection but also an investment in the future of our community. By addressing these infrastructure challenges, we can safeguard our water resources, enhance community resilience, and promote sustainable development for generations to come.

I urge you to consider this request favorably and to support the allocation of federal funding towards this critical project. Your advocacy and leadership on behalf of the residents of Williamsport are greatly appreciated, and your support for our infrastructure needs would have a lasting and positive impact on our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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