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Representative Brad Wenstrup
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wenstrup,

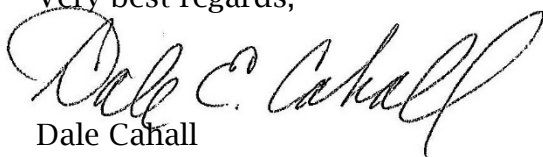
On behalf of the Village of Georgetown, we request your consideration of our Community Project Funding application for rehabilitation of our Hamer Road Water Tower.

The Village of Georgetown operates a water distribution utility. Like most of our peer municipalities, our infrastructure is aging. The water system includes two water towers, which were evaluated in 2019. The engineer's reports revealed nearly \$500,000 in needed rehabilitation and improvements for each tower. It also recommended the work be completed in one to two years. Last month our Council awarded a contract for rehabilitation of our Banting Road Water Tower, but we were not planning to work on the Hamer Road Tower until next year due to financial constraints.

While our Village Council did recently raise our water rates, our utility is still plagued by stagnant revenues and increasing maintenance costs. We are undergoing a holistic infrastructure evaluation and capital improvement planning process, which we expect will unveil tens of millions of dollars of needed repairs and replacement projects. While we do not want to be reliant on grants, we will be able to bring our system up to modern standards much more quickly with outside funding.

We were very excited to learn about the Community Project Funding opportunity and have submitted our application to your office for the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. Funding our Water Tower Rehabilitation will allow us to upgrade our infrastructure more quickly, reducing our operating costs and increasing the attractiveness of our rural community to outside business development. We sincerely hope you will support this project. Please contact our office if you need any further information.

Very best regards,



Dale Cahall
Mayor



Tyler Thompson
Village Administrator