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April 11, 2022

Dear Representative Wenstrup-

My name is Justin Clark and I am the Administrative Director of Facilities at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio. I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Portsmouth and their effort to secure funding for the Portsmouth Water Treatment Plant. Southern Ohio Medical Center is the primary healthcare provider for a six county area in Ohio and Kentucky. As such, our services are accessible to almost 275,000 people.

Our mission to meet the needs of the communities we serve is indelibly linked to the City of Portsmouth and the critical infrastructure that they maintain that support our hospital and our ancillary locations. In my role, I am acutely aware of the challenges posed by an aging infrastructure. I applaud the city for the work they are doing to ensure the longevity and vitality of this key service to our organization and our city.

I would like to offer my most enthusiastic support for this project and would ask that you give your strongest consideration to supporting it as well. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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April 7, 2022

Representative Brad Wenstrup
2419 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wenstrup,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Shawnee State University in support of the City of Portsmouth's request for funding assistance for the Portsmouth Water Treatment Plant.

The City of Portsmouth supplies water to Shawnee State, Portsmouth residents, many Scioto County residents and multiple employers throughout the region. The current water treatment plant is the oldest active plant in the State of Ohio and has exceeded its useful life. This infrastructure is critical to Shawnee State, residents and employers in the Southern Ohio area.

We offer our full support to the City of Portsmouth's Water Treatment Plant project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric A. Braun'.

Eric A. Braun
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April 14, 2022

Representative Brad Wenstrup
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Washington, DC 20515

RE: Please Support Funding for a New Portsmouth, OH Water Treatment Facility

Dear Representative Wenstrup,

OSCO joins others in urging your support for funding of a new Portsmouth Water Treatment Facility. The present aged treatment facility, that provides potable water for the City of Portsmouth, substantial areas of Scioto County and even portions of surrounding counties, has reached the end of its functional life. Planning for its replacement was initiated some time ago, resulting in proposed construction between 2023 and 2025 at an estimated cost of \$67,000,000. If the entire project cost is borne by ratepayers, water rates will skyrocket!

OSCO operates two manufacturing facilities in the service area of Portsmouth Water. We rely on the availability and quality of the water provided by this essential piece of local infrastructure.

Again, we encourage your support of funding for this local infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Burke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Burke
CEO