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Congressman David Rouzer
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Subject: Letter of support from the Town of Fairmont

Congressman Rouzer,

It is with my distinct honor to present this letter of support to your office on behalf of the Town of Fairmont's Board of Commissioners, staff, and citizens. As you know from your previous visit to the Town of Fairmont in July 2023, the town has a very bright future and looks like it will continue to grow. The town is requesting \$300,000 to replace the ageing fleet of Public Works Vehicles we are currently using to operate and maintain our Regional Wastewater System. This regional system is composed of two towns in Robeson County (Fairmont and Proctorville) and three towns in Columbus County (Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo, and Boardman). The current vehicles are currently beyond their expected life cycle and have cost the town over \$60,000 in repairs this current fiscal year.

The town's future is promising with significant economic development happening over the past 18 months. The State of North Carolina has committed over \$20 million in infrastructure, resiliency, and community improvements for the town. Part of our future growth is having a well-equipped Public Works Department that can handle the additional growth expected in our area. Funding this request will be transformative for the citizens of the Town of Fairmont, and its regional wastewater partners.

We appreciate your support and welcome your visit again when you are making your future travel plans.

Sincerely

Charles Kemp

Mayor

Town of Fairmont



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Congressman Rouzer,

I would like to offer my support on behalf of the Town of Fairmont. Fairmont has seen significant development activity over the past 24 months. Fairmont has seen both for-profit and nonprofit businesses and organizations choose to call Fairmont home or expand their business adventures there by investing millions of dollars into the town.

Part of the town's future depends on the Regional Wastewater System which is comprised of five towns across two counties. Fairmont serves as the regional provider responsible for operating and maintaining the regional system. Fairmont is in a designated census tract in a tier-one county. Fairmont is also on the Distressed Utility List of Municipalities in NC based on financial concerns of the entire region. The State of North Carolina has seen promise in this region and has committed over \$20 million to the Town of Fairmont in the form of infrastructure, resiliency, and community grants. The vehicles the town is requesting funding assistance for will offset the need to raise property tax rates and utility rate increases to support the maintenance of our ageing fleet. Alleviating this burden for Fairmont ensures that the town will have the necessary vehicles to properly operate and maintain the system in the future.

Sincerely,

Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.