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Rep. David Rouzer
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Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of Pender County Utilities, I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding assistance for the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority's (LCFWASA) proposed project to install a fourth raw water pump at the King's Bluff Pump Station in Columbus County, North Carolina.

LCFWASA serves as the primary source of raw water for the Pender County Water Treatment Plant. The King's Bluff Pump Station is the sole source of raw water for surface water treatment plants across the southeastern region of North Carolina, making it an essential asset to our operations and to the broader community.

During a recent long-range planning committee meeting, critical upcoming projects were reviewed and prioritized based on their urgency and cost. The addition of a fourth raw water pump at King's Bluff was identified as a top priority. Currently, the station operates with only three pumps. Should one require repair, the system's ability to meet peak seasonal demand would be at significant risk. This lack of redundancy could compromise service reliability for thousands of residents and businesses downstream. Pender County Utilities fully recognizes the importance of enhancing the station's capacity to ensure long-term reliability and operational resilience.

As the southeastern region continues to experience rapid population growth, the water demand is increasing at a pace that necessitates proactive infrastructure planning. By investing in this fourth pump now, we can help safeguard future water availability for all residents and support the region's continued economic development.

LCFWASA and Pender County Utilities work closely on various initiatives to ensure water services are both reliable and capable of meeting future growth, while maintaining our commitment to public health and environmental stewardship.

We respectfully urge your support for this critical funding request. Our team is fully prepared to assist in this effort and stands ready to provide any additional information needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA), I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding assistance for the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority's (LCFWSA) proposed project to install a fourth raw water pump at the King's Bluff Pump Station located in Riegelwood, North Carolina.

As the region's principal provider of raw water, LCFWSA serves as the foundational source of surface water supply for multiple water utilities across Southeastern North Carolina, including CFPUA. The King's Bluff Pump Station is not only essential infrastructure, it is the backbone of our region's ability to deliver safe, reliable drinking water to hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses across Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties.

The proposed project would add a fourth raw water pump to the existing station, increasing capacity and providing much-needed redundancy during peak seasonal demand. Presently, the station operates with only three pumps, two of which run continuously during high-demand periods. Without a fourth pump, the system lacks a safety margin, putting the region at risk in the event of pump maintenance needs or mechanical failure. Given the long lead time required to procure these large industrial pumps (up to a year), CFPUA believes that this project is not just beneficial but absolutely necessary for ensuring the resilience and long-term sustainability of our regional water supply.

The Cape Fear region has seen rapid growth over the past decade, and demand for safe drinking water continues to rise. By investing in this project now, we can ensure that our regional infrastructure keeps pace with that growth while protecting public health, supporting economic development, and strengthening our communities' resilience to future disruptions.

We are proud to work in close collaboration with LCFWSA, whose mission and performance have been vital to the economic and environmental well-being of the Cape Fear region. CFPUA respectfully urges your support for this important funding request and stands ready to assist in any way necessary to move this project forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital infrastructure investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Waldroup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kenneth Waldroup, P.E.