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April 28, 2025

The Honorable David Rouzer U.S. House of Representatives 2333 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

On behalf of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority's (CFPUA) Raw Water Transmission Main Extension project, submitted for consideration under the Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Community Project Funding process.

This vital infrastructure project will install approximately 3.85 miles of new 48-inch raw water transmission main, completing a crucial connection needed to support the full hydraulic design capacity of the Sweeney Water Treatment Plant. The Sweeney Plant provides drinking water to more than 80% of New Hanover County's residents, and this project will help meet the needs of a population expected to grow beyond 500,000 by 2060. In addition to addressing future demand, the project will enhance system resiliency and provide redundancy, replacing sections of raw water infrastructure dating back to the 1920s that are now beyond their intended service life.

Federal assistance in the amount of \$2,439,360, requested through special appropriation via the State and Triable Assistance Grant (STAG) through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, will fund preliminary engineering, design, and permitting. Completing this project is critical to protecting public health, supporting responsible growth, and maintaining affordable service rates for the community. A recent Raftelis study identified that every \$1 invested by CFPUA yields \$8.50 in regional economic growth, illustrating the profound and lasting benefits of reliable infrastructure investment.

The Wilmington area is among the fastest growing regions in North Carolina, with rising housing costs and expanding demands on public services. Without outside funding, necessary infrastructure investments would place an additional burden on local ratepayers. For CFPUA, every \$10 million in additional borrowing equates to a 1% increase in customer rates — a significant impact for working families.

We are grateful for your continued leadership and dedication to the needs of North Carolina's Seventh District. The City of Wilmington strongly encourages your favorable consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Anthony N. Caudle

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Dear Congressman Rouzer:

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Haynes Brigman Town Manager



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