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March 11, 2026

Congressman David Rouzer
2333 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

CFPUA is a partner and customer of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, and we support full design and development of a one hundred million Gallon Reservoir for our region. Currently we do not have any reserve water availability. Development of this reservoir would provide 8 days of reserve and may be expandable in the future. The total cost for this project is \$81,100,000 and will take four years to fully come online.

We support their efforts to seek funding for this project. The State of North Carolina believes in the importance of this project for the region and serves over half a million people. The state funded the initial purchase of the property and now we seek to finish designing and construction of the reservoir. This project is CS 3, Cost Share three in the Master Plan of Infrastructure for Lower Cape Fear.

Sincerely,

Bill Saffo
Mayor

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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Budd
United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Senator Tillis, Senator Budd, and Representative Rouzer:

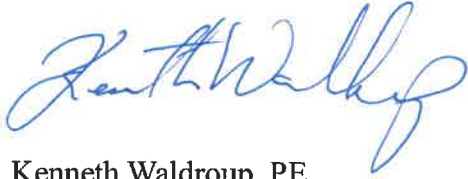
As the Executive Director of the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA) I want to express our full support for our partner and raw water supplier, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority, in their pursuit of congressional funding.

CFPUA is the water and wastewater provider for New Hanover County and our +224,000 customers and visitors each day. Together with Brunswick County and Pender County, our community fully depends on the Cape Fear River as our water supply and life blood for the regional economy. The upper reaches of the Cape Fear river basin is highly urbanized and industrialized, leaving our region vulnerable to accidental spills. For this reason, we support full funding for the design and development of a one hundred million gallon side stream storage reservoir for our region. Currently we do not have any reserve water availability. Development of this reservoir would provide 8 days of reserve and may be expandable in the future. The total cost for this project is \$81,100,000 and will take four years to fully come online.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Waldroup". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Waldroup" clearly distinguishable.

Kenneth Waldroup, PE
Executive Director

March 11, 2026

The Honorable David Rouzer
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-3307

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

The Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority (LCFWASA) serves as a regional authority for Brunswick, Bladen, Pender, New Hanover, and Columbus Counties, as well as the City of Wilmington, with a Board of Directors representing each of these local governments. As the largest regional water system in eastern North Carolina, the Authority's primary role is to provide raw water from the Cape Fear River to supply treatment facilities that serve approximately 550,000 customers across the region.

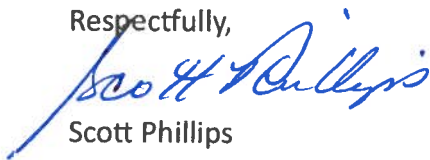
Currently, the system does not have reserve water availability. Development of the proposed reservoir would provide approximately eight days of reserve water supply, with the potential for future expansion as regional demand continues to grow. The estimated cost of the project is \$81,100,000, and once construction begins, the reservoir is expected to take approximately four years to become fully operational.

This project is a critical component of the Master Plan of Infrastructure for the Lower Cape Fear region and is identified as Cost Share 3 (CS3). The State of North Carolina has already demonstrated its commitment to this important project by funding the initial purchase of the property for the reservoir site. We now seek support to complete the design and construction of this vital infrastructure.

This reservoir will play a key role in strengthening long-term water reliability and resilience for a region that serves more than 500,000 residents and continues to experience steady growth.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of infrastructure projects that help ensure the long-term water security and sustainability of southeastern North Carolina.

Respectfully,



Scott Phillips

Chairman of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority

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PROJECT TITLE	100 MG Reservoir	CS 3
CATEGORY OF NEED:	Efficiency	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY: Expansion
<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design & construction of a new 100 MG reservoir. The <i>Ground Storage Reservoir Feasibility Evaluation</i> was drafted by McKim & Creed, Inc. in 2024. Preliminary findings of the report indicate that the optimal location for the reservoir is near the 3 MG tank area (Site 1), southeast of the Brunswick County Northwest Water Treatment Plant (BCNW WTP). 		
<p>Justification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in available system storage. Allows for temporary redundancy of supply in the case of an emergency (line break, power outage, etc.). 		
<p>Consequence of No Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal system storage as system demands continue to increase. Loss of regular supply under emergency conditions. 		
<p>Criticality:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> 1 2 3 </div>		
DURATION (MONTHS)	48	
REQUIRED COMPLETION	2035	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$81,100,000	
FISCAL YEAR	ANTICIPATED FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE	
2027 - 2028	\$100,000	
2028 - 2029	\$880,000	
2033 - 2034	\$8,700,000	
2034 - 2035	\$71,420,000	

