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17 March 2026

To: Congressman David Rouzer
7th District of North Carolina
United States Congress
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Congressman Rouzer,

I am submitting this correspondence to you in support of the Town of White Lake's application for the Joint Safety Project for improvements to their Fire Station and Police Station. I have spoken with Tina Merritt-Smith, White Lake Town Clerk, regarding the need for this type of funding and upgrades.

The Bladen County Sheriff's Office and White Lake's Police and Fire Departments have always worked closely during natural and man-made disasters along with the common emergencies that occur on a daily basis. Our agencies share a common goal of protecting and serving Bladen County.

Thank you for your service to our Congressional District and for our partnership in meeting the needs of the citizens of Bladen County.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. McVicker".

Sheriff James A. McVicker
Bladen County Sheriff's Office

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Congressman David Rouzer
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Re: Letter of Support for Funding to Upgrade the Town of White Lake's Police and Fire Facilities

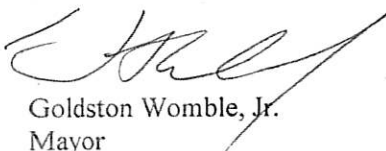
Dear Congressman Rouzer:

As Mayor of the Town of White Lake for almost forty years, I know firsthand of the growing need to upgrade our Police and Fire facilities. I am writing to express my strong support for our Town's application for federal funding for these important facility upgrades. While our town's population has remained relatively the same, our tourism numbers outside of peak season continue to increase. Although thankful for the growth, there have been additional challenges placed on both our Fire and Police Departments. With the increasing number of fire and police calls, these funds for upgrades are essential to ensuring the safety, resilience, and well-being of the residents and visitors we serve.

These improvements are essential in maintaining effective emergency response and ensuring that our departments can continue to meet standards for public safety and emergency preparedness. Without federal support, our town will struggle to make these upgrades on its own. On behalf of the residents of the Town of White Lake, I respectfully urge you to consider this funding request. Your support will have an immediate and lasting impact on public safety in our community and will strengthen the capacity of our Fire and Police Departments so they may protect and serve for years to come.

Thank You for your leadership and continued support.

Respectfully,



Goldston Womble, Jr.
Mayor

Tina Merritt-Smith

From: Cameron McGill <pastorcam74@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 8:12 AM
To: Tina Merritt-Smith
Subject: Rouzer Letter

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

Honorable Congressman Rouzer,

I am writing to express my overwhelming support for the Town of White Lake's Joint Safety Project. (Fire Station and Police Department Facility Upgrades). I believe this project is worthy of federal support and would benefit the residents of Bladen County and all those that travel here to enjoy one of North Carolina's oldest and most valuable treasures, White Lake.

In addition, I would like to express my appreciation for all that you do on behalf of our citizens. Like you, I have the privilege of being a public servant and I realize the weight of responsibility that comes with that position.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Katie Smith who represents you well and is a constant face here in our county. She is an asset to your office and to our community.

Please let me know if I may be of a help to you in any way.

Blessings!!!

Rev. Cameron L. McGill, Chairman
Bladen County Commissioners
Pastor, LAKE Church of White Lake



County of Bladen

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RE: Letter of Support for Town of White Lake, NC

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Town of White Lake, North Carolina in Bladen County. As the Emergency Services Director for the County of Bladen, I have had the privilege of witnessing the impactful and dedicated service work that the Town's Public Safety departments have exhibited to their community time and time again. Like most rural towns in North Carolina, the Town of White Lake has a dedicated organization of public safety members.

The recent economic growth and increase in tourism for the White Lake area has created a higher number of 911 service calls in the area. To meet the goal of providing continuous emergency response efforts and effectively improving the department's emergency services, the White Lake Fire Department has a substantial need to add an additional bay area for apparatus storage and provide sleeping quarters equipped with a fire suppression system for the fire service members.

The White Lake Fire Department is a committed organization that takes great pride in serving our community with the highest level of emergency response and public safety. This fire department responds to hundreds of calls each year, including fire, medical emergencies, and rescue operations. Funds from the requested grant would support the department's goals in providing the community with the best public safety and emergency services.

In conclusion, Bladen County Emergency Services supports the Town of White Lake as they seek funding through your organization. Please contact my office if you require further information regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Joey Coleman, Director
Bladen County Emergency Services