

City of  Lumberton

Office of The Mayor

March 24, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer
United States House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter of Support – City of Lumberton Waste Water System Improvements Project

Dear Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of the City of Lumberton, North Carolina, I write to express strong support for the City's FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Waste Water System Improvements Project through the STAG – Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. The \$3,344,658 request will fund the engineering and system rehabilitation work needed to advance this project and provide much needed improvements to the City's waste water treatment system.

This project will make needed improvements to three sewer lift stations which are more than 20 years old, provide for the slip-lining and replacement of multiple gravity sewer lines that are over 40 years old, and add necessary backup generation capabilities at the City of Lumberton's waste water treatment facility without increasing system capacity.

The City of Lumberton continues to struggle with the rehabilitation of pump stations, to raise controls and backup power two feet above the 100yr floodplain elevation. We are also converting the stations from dry pit/wet to submersible pumps to make the stations more resilient during flooding. Two of these lift stations are being converted to submersible pumps, with installation of watertight hatches to make the stations operable even in 100yr flood events similar to Hurricanes Matthew and Florence; raising control panels and backup power as part of the improvements. The third lift station already has submersible pumps and no problem with flooding, but the pumps, piping, and electrical equipment need replacing due to age of the equipment.

The City of Lumberton is committed to obligating the appropriated funds within 12 months after receipt and providing the non-Federal cost share of \$836,500 (remaining of the project cost), resulting in a total project cost of \$4,181,158.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Mayor Bruce Davis
City of Lumberton