



April 6, 2023

Congressman David Rouzer
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

As Chancellor of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, I write in full support of the expansion of the Town of Pembroke's wastewater treatment plant.

Over the last few years, the university has experienced transformative growth, in part due to NC Promise, the state's tuition buy-down program. The university recently opened a \$38 million School of Business building, with plans to begin building a \$91 million allied health and science building in the coming year.

The university has positioned itself to continue to impact southeastern North Carolina and the State of North Carolina in a positive manner. Through selective and innovative academic programming, the university is educating the region's next leaders in high demand fields like cybersecurity, education and healthcare. As the university continues to grow, the impact to southeastern North Carolina will continue to climb.

The present limitations of the Town's wastewater plant will limit the future growth of our university without external intervention and assistance. It is our understanding that the Town has obligated 1.15 of 1.33 MGD (million gallons per day) of plant treatment capacity, about 86.5 percent.

The Town must balance wastewater connection and allocation decisions with other residential, commercial and industrial needs. It is our understanding that adding a third "train" (additional treatment system) would add approximately .67 million gallons per day capacity, increasing overall capacity to 2 million gallons per day.

I fully support the expansion of the Town's wastewater treatment plant; the continued growth of the university—and its corresponding impact to southeastern North Carolina—is depending on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Gary Cummings".

Robin Gary Cummings, MD
Chancellor