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The Honorable Representative Dr. Greg Murphy

Dear Representative Murphy,

On behalf of the City of Clinton, I am writing to express my strong support for federal funding to assist with our Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project.

As the Clinton community continues to grow, the existing infrastructure is being pushed to its limits. The system was designed to serve a smaller population with a lower capacity. As time has passed, demand has surpassed the current system's capacity. If we continue without critical upgrades, we face the risk of denying industry development and limitations on future economic development projects.

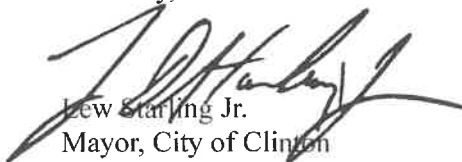
This project is vital to ensuring that the City of Clinton can continue to provide safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible wastewater services. The proposed expansion will not only improve treatment capacity and system resilience, but also support job creation, attract new businesses and industries, and enhance the overall quality of life. As a resident that was born and raised in Clinton, it is imperative to me that we continue making strides that allow the younger generation the ability to either stay home or return at some point and invest in our community. To achieve this goal, there must be jobs to allow our younger generation to be successful.

Federal support is crucial to the success of this project. As a small community with a population of a little over 8,000 people, the financial burden of undertaking such a large-scale infrastructure project is significant. The appropriation would allow City staff to move forward in a timely and responsible manner, ensuring compliance while allowing for sustainable growth.

I respectfully request your support for this important investment in Clinton's infrastructure and future. Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening rural communities.

As always, I will be happy to discuss this matter at any time. My personal cell number is (910) 990-3654.

Sincerely,



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