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TOWN OF GRIFTON



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To: Dr. Murphy, House Representative

Re: Request for Funding: Town of Grifton Elevated Water Tower

Congressman Murphy,

As Mayor of the Town of Grifton, I am writing to express my strong support for federal assistance to help construct a new elevated water storage tank for our community.

As Mayor, one of the most common concerns I hear from residents—particularly those living on the eastern side of town—is about inconsistent water pressure and concerns about water quality. These issues are a frequent topic of conversation with my constituents, and it is clear that improvements to our water infrastructure are needed to better serve our community.

While our current system provides water to our residents and businesses, the changes in elevation across town make it difficult to maintain consistent pressure throughout the system. A new elevated water storage tank would help stabilize water pressure and improve the overall reliability of service for many of our customers.

In addition to improving water pressure, this project would also help ensure better water quality by improving circulation within the system. Reliable and safe drinking water is essential for the health and well-being of our residents, and this project will help us continue providing that service.

Our town is committed to maintaining and improving our infrastructure, but projects like this can be challenging for a small community to fund on our own. Federal support would make a meaningful difference and help us address the concerns we regularly hear from the people we serve.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and your continued support for rural communities like Grifton.
Sincerely,

William Barnes, Jr.
Mayor
Town of Grifton

Grifton Volunteer Fire Department

William Potter Jr., Chief

Dear Congressman Murphy,

On behalf of the Grifton Community Fire Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the Town of Grifton's project to construct a new elevated water storage tank (water tower). This project represents a critical investment in our community's infrastructure and will provide significant benefits for both public health and public safety.

The addition of an elevated water storage tank will improve overall water quality and system reliability for residents and businesses throughout the Town of Grifton. By increasing storage capacity and stabilizing system pressure, the project will help ensure a consistent and dependable water supply, particularly during periods of peak demand or system stress.

From a public safety perspective, the benefits to fire protection are especially important. Adequate and reliable water pressure is essential for effective fire suppression operations. The proposed water tower will help enhance available fire flow and maintain stronger system pressure across the distribution network. These improvements will directly support our firefighters in responding more effectively to structure fires, protecting property, and safeguarding the lives of our residents.

Additionally, the enhanced fire flow capacity will strengthen the town's ability to support future development and maintain favorable fire protection ratings, which can positively impact insurance costs for property owners.

For these reasons, the Grifton Community Fire Association fully supports the town's efforts to pursue funding and implementation of this important infrastructure project. The elevated water storage tank will not only improve the reliability and quality of the municipal water system but will also serve as a critical asset for emergency response and community resilience.

Thank you for your continued support of rural infrastructure and public safety initiatives that help communities like ours remain safe, healthy, and prepared for the future.

Sincerely,


William Potter Jr., Fire Chief
Grifton Vol. Fire Department

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