

March 9, 2026

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Sampson County, I am writing to express strong support for the funding request to design and construct two new groundwater supply wells to serve residents in areas impacted by PFAS contamination. Ensuring access to safe and reliable drinking water is one of the County's highest priorities, and this project represents a critical step toward protecting the health and well-being of our community.

Many residents in Sampson County are connected to existing private groundwater sources, which have been tested for PFAS. Many residents in these areas have tested above the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The County has applied for and received conditional funding approval from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure (NCDEQ DWI) to expand the existing County water system to communities impacted by PFAS. The funding received by DWI includes water main extensions. The proposed funding request will support the development of two new wells in locations with lower PFAS contamination risk. The wells will help meet the demand for the additional residents impacted by PFAS by providing a safe drinking water supply. This project will strengthen the resiliency of the local water system and support continued compliance with standards and guidance established by the U.S. EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The County fully supports this effort and recognizes the importance of securing funding to move the project forward. Investment in this infrastructure will provide long-term benefits to residents by safeguarding drinking water quality and ensuring a sustainable water supply for current and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request. Please feel free to contact my office if additional information or support is needed.

Sincerely,



C. Allen McLamb, Chairman
Sampson County Board of Commissioners