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The Honorable Michael Bennet
United States Senate
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Congressional Directed Spending – Replacement of Sewer Lines

Honorable Senator Bennet,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for Congressional Directed Spending for the replacement of deteriorating sewer lines in the City of Fruita. The City of Fruita operates a sanitary sewer collection system of approximately 80 miles of piping, 40 maintenance zones, 8 lift stations and a 2.33 million gallon per day treatment facility.

As Fruita has continued to grow over the past several years, it has been difficult to maintain the City's core infrastructure as demand and use increases and the cost for repair continues to outpace what communities can keep up with. We also recognize that housing affordability has become an increasingly important issue, and the existing supply and utility of affordable housing is directly dependent on the condition of other infrastructure assets.

The city has identified as a key priority the remaining sewer lines that need to be replaced and has identified the service area that each of these lines serve. The Greenway Drive line is the highest priority line as it serves a large portion of the downtown area, the local Hospital, Fire Department, and Police Department. It is also further complicated as it will require boring underneath the UPRR railroad.

The City of Fruita is pleased to support this project and request, and hope that it will be considered for Congressional Directed Spending. Please feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions, or if you need additional information.

Thank you,

Joel Kincaid
City of Fruita, Mayor



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