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Representative Sam Graves
United States Representative
Missouri 6th Congressional District
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-2506

Dear Representative Graves,

I write on behalf of the City of Richmond to request endorsement and support for appropriation funds for water infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$4 million. This request will be used to improve our water production capabilities and water distribution network.

Currently, our water system presents significant challenges for our community due to the frequency of water main breaks, distribution capacity, and the overall age of the system. Due to deteriorating water mains, over 50% of the water produced each day is lost. While the City is making every effort to resolve this problem, adequate funding for needed system improvements remains challenging.

Our community fully supports our efforts in upgrading our water system. Water main breaks have caused our community to be without sufficient water pressure, causing boil advisories and inadequate water pressure for fire protection. Essential community facilities depend on this service. We believe failure to provide the requested \$4 million for infrastructure improvements would be extremely detrimental and an unfortunate setback to enhancing the safety and quality of life for the Richmond community.

For these reasons and more, the City of Richmond requests appropriation funds in the amount of \$4 million for critical water infrastructure improvements. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this request.

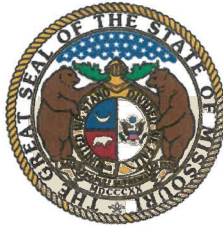
Respectfully,

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Mike Wright, Mayor

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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TERRY THOMPSON
State Representative
District 53

March 14, 2023

Honorable Sam Graves
United States Representative
Missouri 6th Congressional District
1135 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Graves,

As State Representative of District 53, I offer my endorsement and support to the City of Richmond as they request federal appropriation funding for water infrastructure improvements. The City's \$4 million request is to improve their water production capabilities and water distribution network.

The current water system presents significant challenges for the local community because of the frequency of water main breaks, distribution capacity, and the overall age of the system. Because of deteriorating water mains, over 50% of the water produced each day is lost. While the City is making every effort to resolve this problem, adequate funding for needed system improvements remains extremely challenging.

I fully support the City's efforts to upgrade the community's water system. Failure to receive the requested \$4 million for infrastructure improvements would be extremely detrimental to the City's efforts, and would cause an unfortunate setback to enhancing the safety and quality of life for the Richmond community.

Thank you for your consideration of this appropriation request made by the City of Richmond. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Thompson".

Terry Thompson



RICHMOND R-XVI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Bryan Copple, Superintendent
Dr. Ginger Jones, Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Representative Graves,

This letter of endorsement and support is on behalf of the City of Richmond which is submitting a request to receive appropriation funds for water infrastructure improvements. The City's \$4 million request will be used to improve our water production capabilities and water distribution network.

The Richmond R-XVI School District is dependent on a strong water supply for our buildings. Our number one priority is to educate the children of Richmond in a safe and caring environment. In order to achieve this goal, the community must have a dependable water main. We have had to cancel school in the past due to water main breaks. I urge you to show support for rural Missouri, and invest in our future by providing a stable water source for our community and our kids!

The Richmond R-XVI School District fully supports the City's efforts in upgrading our community's water system. We believe failure to provide the requested \$4 million for infrastructure improvements would be extremely detrimental and an unfortunate setback to enhancing the safety and quality of life for the Richmond community.

For these reasons and more, the Richmond R-XVI School District strongly supports the City of Richmond's appropriation request for \$4 million in water infrastructure improvements. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

"Raising Standards by Educating for Tomorrow, Today."

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As the healthcare provider for the region, care is effected when we experience interruptions in water service due to water main breaks. This can include diverting critically ill patients and delaying care. Our organization fully supports the City's efforts in upgrading our community's water system. We believe failure to provide the requested \$4 million for infrastructure improvements would be extremely detrimental and an unfortunate setback to enhancing the safety and quality of life for the Richmond community.

For these reasons and more, Ray County Hospital and Healthcare strongly supports the City of Richmond's appropriation request for \$4 million in water infrastructure improvements. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Jeff Bloemker
Chief Executive Officer
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Respectfully,

Renee Kellerman, Director

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Water main breaks, distribution capacity, and the overall age of the system presents an ever-present public safety issue for the Richmond Fire Department. Adequate fire flow cannot be extracted from some areas of the city, and due to deteriorating water mains, we can easily cause major leaks when operating at a fire scene. While the City is making every effort to resolve this problem, adequate funding for needed system improvements remains challenging.

The Richmond Fire Department fully supports the City's efforts in upgrading our community's water system. We believe failure to provide the requested \$4 million for infrastructure improvements would be extremely detrimental and

an unfortunate setback to enhancing the safety and quality of life for the Richmond community.

Because I am tasked with public safety and fire prevention, it is my sincere hope that the City of Richmond's appropriation request for \$4 million in water infrastructure improvements is approved.

Respectfully,

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Mark Sowder
Fire Chief
City of Richmond Fire Department