

United States Senate
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A. Leonard Smith
Economic Development Administration
Seattle Regional Office
915 Second Avenue, Room 1890
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Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing in support of the City of Stevenson's application to the FY 2018 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental grant. This funding will allow the City of Stevenson to make much needed upgrades to its wastewater collection system capacity.

During severe winter storms in 2017, high rain events led to a water overflow at a critical pump station, straining and damaging the City's entire wastewater system. Investment is critically needed to protect the City's wastewater system from flooding events and to facilitate economic growth by increasing capacity. With grant funding, the City will be able to replace pump stations, increase the size of the wastewater infrastructure and provide protection to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

According to the City of Stevenson, the City cannot currently add new commercial connections to the wastewater treatment system because of the lack of capacity within the current system. Replacing the pump stations and improving the current infrastructure will help grow and retain local businesses and attract new economic opportunities to the region. Lastly, this will help create jobs in Stevenson and throughout Skamania County.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the City of Stevenson's application to the EDA.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
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