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The Honorable Michael Guest 418 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Guest:

I write this letter in support of six (6) Community Project Funding requests on behalf of the City of Jackson. The City of Jackson continues to seek out every potential funding opportunity that we can use to modernize our physical infrastructure – particularly our water and sewer infrastructure and key safety infrastructure investments in our lighting, runways, and fire suppression systems at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport. I firmly believe that each of the requests would provide immediate benefits to the region as residents and businesses that live, work, and travel to Jackson utilize both our water and sewer system and our airport.

Specifically, on behalf of the City of Jackson's Department of Public Works, we submit the following for consideration as Community Project Funding requests:

- \$3,500,000 to replace water filters at the J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant;
- \$3,360,000 for pipe rehabilitation for the Westbank Interceptor; and,
- \$1,500,000 to replace water pumps at the O.B. Curter Water Treatment Plant;

On behalf of the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority and Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, we submit the following for consideration as Community Project Funding requests:

- \$3,850,000 to renovate the fire suppression system at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport;
- \$3,850,000 for the rehabilitation of Taxiway C, A-West, D-10 and D-20; and,
- \$1,500,000 to replace the existing runway lighting with LED lighting to enhance runway safety and lower maintenance and replacement costs;

Each of the projects described above and in more detail in the Community Project Funding requests forms has my full support, and on behalf of the City of Jackson, I appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Should you have any questions regarding the Community Project Funding requests from the Department of Public Works, please do not hesitate to contact our Public Works Director, Marlin King at mking@city.jackson.ms.us. Similarly, for any questions regarding our Community Project Funding requests at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, please contact Mr. John Means at jmeans@jmaa.com.

Thank you again for your attention to our requests.

Respectfully,

Chokwe A. Lumumba

Mayor