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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Michael P. Guest United States House of Representatives 230 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re:

Pelahatchie WWTF Letter of Support

Dear Congressman Guest,

The Town of Pelahatchie greatly appreciates your support of the Town's pursuit of State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding. Due to new environmental regulations handed down by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Town is on a course to make over \$6,500,000 in Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements.

The Town has developed a facilities plan for the improvements and filed the plan with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The Town is seeking funding from the Clean Water SRF program and is included in the program's current intended use plan. A recent sewer rate increase was necessary to cover regular operating expenses. There is very little room within affordability limits to increase rates further, so we are seeking \$3,500,000 from the STAG program.

These funds will echo benefits across many generations, present and future, by simultaneously protecting a water supply and streams and lakes of central Mississippi. And as importantly, securing the lives and jobs of over 1,000 families in eastern Rankin County and the surrounding region. Thank you for the strong and effective leadership you have provided for our community, state, and nation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Karl VanHorn Town of Pelahatchie

