

April 27, 2022

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

Dear Congressman Guest,

The City of Ridgeland profoundly appreciates your support of the City's pursuit of State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding. These funds will be critical in ensuring that the City continues to achieve our goal of providing safe, high-quality, and reliable water service in an equitable manner to all of our citizens.

The City of Ridgeland has taken a proactive approach to addressing our water supply challenges. This particular project is part of a \$10 million program that the City intends to complete over the next five years, through considerable local investment. The current challenge we face is that the City's water supply and capacity are not adequate to meet current demand, as noted in our 2020 Water Master Plan. The issue is further compounded by one of the City's wells producing organic matter, resulting in disinfection-by-products (DBPs) forming throughout distribution system. The new well and tank not only will increase system capacity and supply, but it will protect citizens from DBPs by meeting the limits set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, thus keeping the system compliant with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

Again, we are most grateful for your active interest and support.

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Sincerely,

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

City of Ridgeland



April 26, 2022

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

Dear Congressman Guest,

Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) strongly supports the City of Ridgeland's efforts to provide safe, clean, reliable water to all its citizens. MCEDA specifically supports the City's application for funding through the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account at EPA, for implementation of a new water supply well and elevated tank.

Ridgeland and its citizens are a key component of the economic development and jobs base of Madison County and this region of the state. Reliable public water supply is critical to maintaining a safe and equitable quality of life for all our families. I hope you will give the City of Ridgeland's request every consideration.

Please do not hesitate to request additional information, if needed.

YMA

Sincerely,

Joseph'P. Deason