



March 19, 2026

**RE: Letter of Support - Town of Taylorsville Water System Improvements Project**

Dear Representative Guest,

On behalf of the Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our full support for the Town of Taylorsville's request for federal appropriations through the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) program to fund critical water system improvements.

As an organization dedicated to promoting economic growth, supporting local businesses, and enhancing the quality of life in our community, we recognize that reliable infrastructure is the foundation of a thriving town. Taylorsville's aging water system presents ongoing challenges that impact not only residents but also our business community. Frequent service disruptions and outdated components create operational difficulties, limit growth opportunities, and place unnecessary strain on both existing and prospective businesses.

The proposed improvements, including the installation of strategically placed isolation valves and modernization of key system components, will significantly enhance system reliability, reduce service interruptions, and improve overall efficiency. These upgrades are essential to ensuring that Taylorsville remains a competitive and attractive place for business investment, job creation, and community development.

For a small rural town like ours, access to federal funding is vital. This investment will not only address immediate infrastructure needs but will also position Taylorsville for sustainable growth, improved public health, and long-term economic stability.

The Chamber strongly supports this request and respectfully urges your consideration and approval of funding for this important project. Your continued leadership and commitment to communities like Taylorsville make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Herrington

President- Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce

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April 5, 2026

The Honorable Michael Guest

U.S. House of Representatives

450 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

## **RE: Request for Federal Appropriations – Town of Taylorsville Water System Improvements**

Dear Representative Guest,

As Mayor of the Town of Taylorsville, Mississippi, I am writing to respectfully request your support for federal appropriations through the EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) program to fund the Town of Taylorsville's Water System Improvements Project. This project is essential to addressing longstanding deficiencies in our aging drinking water infrastructure and ensuring reliable, safe water service for our residents and businesses.

For many years, Taylorsville has experienced frequent service disruptions due to deteriorating water lines and outdated components. These issues complicate maintenance, create operational inefficiencies, and make it increasingly difficult to maintain consistent water quality and adequate pressure. The proposed improvements will install strategically located isolation valves across the system, allowing the Town to isolate small segments during repairs or emergencies rather than interrupting service to entire neighborhoods. Modernization of other critical components will further strengthen system reliability and resilience.

As a small rural community with limited financial capacity, Taylorsville cannot undertake these improvements without federal assistance. EPA STAG funding will allow the Town to reduce long-term maintenance costs, improve operational flexibility, enhance public health and safety, and ensure sustainable water service for future growth. This investment is a fiscally responsible use of taxpayer dollars that will deliver lasting benefits and significantly improve the quality of life for our citizens.

We appreciate your continued leadership and respectfully request your support for this important infrastructure project.

Sincerely,



Len E. Gibson III

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