



April 22, 2021

The Honorable Tom Emmer
Congressman 6th District of Minnesota
315 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Emmer,

I am writing this letter to express support for considering the Otsego West Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Improvements – Phase 1 Project to receive federal funding. The Project is focused on an integrated expansion of capacity and enhancement of treatment capability to meet stringent regulations to protect Minnesota's waterways and the Mississippi watershed.

The benefits of this project include:

- Continued and enhanced environmental protection for the Upper Mississippi River for recreation and drinking water supply.
- Supporting local construction jobs.
- Support of Minnesota's third fastest growing community with necessary infrastructure expansion.

Due to Otsego being a relatively new City (incorporated in 1990), the wastewater treatment infrastructure was funded locally and did not receive the support of Construction Grants federal funding because the program received its final appropriation in 1990. Although nearly every community in the U.S. was able to benefit from this federal program that supported the Clean Water Act, Otsego was not provided with that federal infrastructure support.

We are requesting \$15 million of federal funding for the \$30 million project. The City of Otsego has committed to financing the remaining \$15 million through General Obligation Revenue Bonds, which are supported and repaid from user fees of the residents and businesses within the City. If we receive this funding, construction is assumed to start in June 2022 with completion in December 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica L. Stockamp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica L. Stockamp
Mayor
City of Otsego, MN