



Representative W. Gregory Steube
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0917

May 13, 2025

Dear Representative Steube,

As Mayor of the City of North Port, I am writing to express my full support for the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Appropriations Request for Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of \$2,000,000 to upgrade five existing wastewater pumping stations in our community's northeast region.

This project is of vital importance to North Port. The planned upgrades are not merely infrastructure improvements. They are a strategic investment in the economic future of our City and Florida's 17th Congressional District. The enhanced wastewater system capacity will enable significant commercial and industrial development, attracting new businesses, generating local jobs, and expanding the tax base that supports public services and long-term sustainability.

Our community has worked diligently to ensure that the necessary matching funds are already budgeted, reflecting our strong local commitment. If awarded, the project could start in June 2026 and be completed by September 2028. Once complete, this infrastructure will serve as a catalyst for long-term regional growth.

I respectfully urge your full consideration and support for this critical request. We stand ready to assist in any way to ensure this investment returns lasting benefits to our residents and the broader region.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of North Port and your continued support for community-driven development.

Sincerely,

Phil Stokes
Mayor, City of North Port