



May 5, 2026

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

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 2027 Legislative Appropriations Request for Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of \$2,282,907 to replace Water Control Structure 114, a vital effort to mitigate against future major storms in the City of North Port.

This project is of major importance to North Port. Replacement of 114 will allow the City to avoid the catastrophic flooding experienced during recent storms. This structure helps control flooding in adjacent neighborhoods, but also neighborhoods downstream from it. The new design incorporates reinforced materials, automated gates, and improved hydraulic efficiency to better control water levels and reduce flooding.

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 2027 and be completed by September 2028.

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,

Pete Emrich  
Mayor, City of North Port