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February 11, 2020

Ms. Angela Martinez
Regional Director
EDA Denver Region
1244 Speer Boulevard
Suite 431
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Director Martinez:

I am pleased to write in support of the City of Lexington, Missouri's EDA Disaster Recovery program grant. Lexington sits on the south bank of the Missouri River. During the spring of 2019, the Missouri River hit a flood stage level 2 feet higher than the historic flood of 1993 and remained above flood stage for 279 days.

It is my understanding that the current water treatment plant has outlived its usefulness and needs to be replaced. The City of Lexington had to take drastic measures during last year's flood to save the plant from being overrun by the river. Sandbagging around the plant and running electric and gas pumps inside the plant held the flood water at bay but is no long-term fix.

Lexington has applied to EDA for \$6,000,000 to construct a new well field and a water treatment plant away from the flood plain. The project will cost approximately \$13,500,000. Funding this improvement would be an excellent use of EDA resources to improve this vital service to the community.

If I can provide any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Kyle Wilkens in my Higginsville office.

Warmest regards,

Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress

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