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The Honorable Andrea Salinas  
United States House of Representatives

Congresswoman Salinas,

We are writing to you today in support of the City of Newberg which finds itself challenged by infrastructure upgrades it cannot fund.

The City has been working on a bid to gain federal assistance in the form of discretionary federal spending. This is aimed at facilitating a project to cover the water ponds at a critical water plant. This resource is the Newberg Water Treatment Plant at 2200 NE Wynooski Rd. Since Newberg plays a key role in supporting Yamhill County's local agriculture as well as several major traded sector businesses, adequate water infrastructure is vital.

We are aware of the challenges the City has had to face due to increasing capital project costs. The water plant project became necessary because of a change in Oregon State rules that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars while the city is also struggling to build additional water capacity in general.

The City has informed us that the water plant project could be completed within one year with an affordable design / build plan. For these reasons we would like to add our voice in support of the City of Newberg in its bid to receive CPF funding to cover the water plant ponds as the State has requested.

Sincerely,

Kit Johnston  
Chair

Mary Starrett  
Vice-Chair

David "Bubba" King  
Commissioner

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of  
Commissioners on 04/10/2025  
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