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Dear House Water Committee:

The City of McLouth is in support of HB 2302!

We have failing infrastructure and we do not have the funding to replace it. We currently have a USDA Loan that allowed us to replace the worst of the worst, but we did not have the funding to do the complete that project.

The engineering has been completed and everything is ready to complete the original project, but we are out of funds, so the project is on hold.

We do have other areas that need repairs, but we could not consider doing them, with the USDA Funding, as we knew the cost would exceed the loan. As it was, the cost exceeded the loan and we had to put part of the project on hold.

As you know, it can take years to save up enough funding to do main replacement. In the meantime, water is being wasted and customers are paying the price. Not to mention our children and grandchildren run the risk of a water shortage by the wasting of good clean water from failing infrastructure.

The City of McLouth also owns and operates the Water, Wastewater and Natural Gas Systems. We currently have a state loan for the gas crisis from the unprecedented gas price hike in 2021. We have several years to pay off this loan and the interest rate increased on this loan as well.

The Wastewater system is in need updates after 20 years, so we are saving funds for that as well.

Please support HB 2302 and help cities, consumers and future generations!

Thank you!

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