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Mr. George Vital
Area Director
United States Department of Agriculture
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Henderson, N.C. 27536

Dear Mr. Vital:


Recently, many of my constituents have contacted me regarding an application from the City of Creedmoor, North Carolina to United States Department of Agriculture's Research and Development program for \$30 million for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant on the Tar River for their City. After closely reviewing this request, the application raises serious concerns as to whether this is a prudent use of taxpayer funds.

It appears that Creedmoor has a more cost efficient option available by the use of the capacity that has been offered by the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA). It has been well documented in the Environmental Assessment that SGWASA has enough capacity to serve Creedmoor for twenty (20) years. This is a fiscally sound option and would avoid the associated costs that are sure to come with potential litigation that will likely surround the Creedmoor project - using up valuable federal monies that could be used in other communities where they have no other feasible option to pursue.

We need to avail ourselves of regional approaches in solving problems where a solution exists. These practices can save the public money and conserve environmental resources. We have a fiscal responsibility to use federal funds in the most cost effective manner possible as we serve the needs of our taxpayers. The Creedmoor wastewater treatment request appears not to meet the high standards that we, as stewards of the valuable taxpayer dollar, require.

I would like to ask your agency to appropriate our valuable federal dollars to projects that serve our citizens most effectively. We have an obligation to ensure the financial stability of this country for future generations. Thank you for consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you need any further information.

Sincerely,


George Holding
Member of Congress
Thirteenth District, North Carolina