Town Of Mammoth



Dear Senator McCain;

On behalf of the Town of Mammoth, I am writing to request your direct assistance. As you are aware, the President's "America First" FY 2018 Budget proposes to eliminate the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program and the CDBG grant program. Also on the cutting board is the LIEAP program that assists the American Indian Tribes and low income persons with energy assistance.

Our Town currently has an application pending with USDA for \$3 Million to expand our current water system necessary to meet the growing needs for our community. One purpose for this expansion is to provide increased water capacity to the town and eliminate asbestos water pipes. This is necessary for business expansion and to create new jobs. Without this direct assistance, our community will continue to suffer economically. We have turned to USDA for help so that our community may grow and prosper and consider this a successful, beneficial partnership that will deliver results.

I respectfully request that you include funding for the USDA Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee's fiscal year 2018 appropriations bill in order to fund our pending application.

We have applied for the USDA program for a simple reason. Our ratepayers can't afford commercial or private financing with the prevailing rates and terms. We are concerned that without this affordable financing, we will not be able to address this critical need that will ultimately negatively impact the quality of life for the residents in the Town of Mammoth, AZ.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued commitment to rural America.

Sincerely

Don Jones, Town Manager Town of Mammoth, AZ

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