

Submitter: Dawn Bennett
On Behalf of: City of Canyonville Water Treatment Plant
Improvements
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Capital Construction

My name is Dawn Bennett City Administrator for the City of Canyonville. I have been with the City of Canyonville for 17 years. I started as the City Finance Deputy Recorder and moved to the City Administrator position. I am submitting my testimony today in support of being a recipient of the Capital Construction Funding for our small city Water Plant Improvement Project.

Canyonville has a population of 1664 and an average income level of \$31,603, with a 22.08% poverty rate. We have a lot of residents that are on social security and struggle to pay the current monthly utility rates.

Our Water Treatment Plant is almost 50 years old and in extremely bad shape. The mixing tank, flocculation tank, settling tank, and two filter tanks are heavily corroded and are at very high risk of failing which would be detrimental for the citizens of Canyonville. If one does fail, we will not be able to get a replacement of the same type due to their age. The cost would be so astronomical to replace it with a new style tank, if we could even get one to fit the current valves and pipes.

The City of Canyonville does not have the budget to be able to replace these tanks in an emergency. This is why I am asking the committee to give the City of Canyonville this funding to help us re-establish reliable drinking water for the Canyonville residents for years to come.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

**Dawn Bennett
City Administrator
City of Canyonville**