



Hello Co-Chairs & Vice Chairs & Members of the Committee,

The City of Echo is a small community that has had an aging infrastructure for many years and in the past five years we have been blessed to have had some legislative funding from this committee to start the rebuilding of our wastewater and potable water systems. For that we are extremely grateful and appreciative.

We have **one critical capital** construction request which our potable water system updates for **\$2.5 million**. This phase of the project is all about **providing safe and clean drinking water**.

We continue to work on our potable water system and find ourselves at a **critical point in the process**, which is building a small and efficient water treatment facility with booster pumps. **Our ask if specifically for construction**, all engineering will be completed by May 2025. Our current treatment facility is nearly 60 years old and falling apart.

The update consists of installing a small CMU building with treatment equipment and new booster pumps to provide clean and safe drinking water for another 30 to 40 years. This project will also allow us to have a backup power generator, retro fit our existing water storage tank, demolition the old treatment structure and remove the old booster pumps of which only one is currently functional out 4.

The city of Echo is prime for some new housing and industrial growth opportunities as we are located in southwest Umatilla County, and we want to make sure to provide **safe drinking water to ALL end users in our system**.

We want to thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony and we again are very grateful for the support the Oregon Legislature has shown for our little rural community in Eastern Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Slaght".

David Slaght
City Administrator

cc. Echo City Council, Mayor Chad Ray