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Sub-Committee on Capital Construction Projects
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
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Esteemed Members of the Sub-Committee on Capital Construction Projects,

On behalf of the Silvertown Fire District, I am writing to express our full support for assistance in funding the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to serve the City of Silvertown. The project entails the replacement of the City's existing WTP, which was constructed in 1957. This WTP can only treat 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and has far surpassed its useful life. The City constructed a WTP in 1980 that can treat 2.5 MGD and is also due for replacement consideration. There are capacity constraints during peak summer water demands. Access to clean, reliable water is not only a basic necessity for our residents, but it is also a critical resource for fire protection and emergency response.

As the agency responsible for fire suppression and emergency services in the region, we rely heavily on a consistent and high-capacity water supply to protect lives, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. The proposed improvements to the city's water treatment facilities will directly enhance our ability to perform our duties effectively and safely. These upgrades will help ensure adequate water pressure and quality across the service area, which is essential during high-demand events such as structure fires and wildfire response.

Additionally, the growing population and increasing strain on current water infrastructure make this project vital to maintaining public safety and environmental health. We believe that this investment will significantly contribute to the long-term resilience of the entire community.

We urge you to give full consideration to the City of Silvertown's funding request. The Silvertown Fire District stands ready to partner with the city throughout this important initiative.

Thank you for your time and commitment to supporting essential public infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Miles". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bill Miles
Fire Chief
Silvertown Fire District