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On Behalf Of:

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Government

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Honorable Chair Meek, Vice Chair Drazan, and members of the Committee,
I am writing to follow up on my spoken testimony —to express strong support of HB 1585. I want to thank the bill's sponsors for proposing a practical and much-needed solution for small communities.

As mayor of a very small city of about 1100, I can tell you that we work constantly to secure grant funding simply to keep our water infrastructure functioning. Water is essential to public health, safety, and economic development—but the cost of maintaining and upgrading these systems continues to rise, while our local resources remain very limited.

When we look at the infrastructure projects our community needs, the required matching funds quickly become a barrier we cannot overcome.

By reducing that barrier, this bill could be a true game-changer for small rural communities like mine.

Small cities certainly need more help in making critical infrastructure investments for the future. HB 1585 would be a great start, and I urge you to pass it in this session. Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Ann Vileisis