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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III  
Secretary of Defense  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Austin:

I am pleased to write in support of Kitsap County's application for the 2021 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP). Funding for this proposal will help Kitsap County with a critical infrastructure project - the Bangor/Keyport Forcemain Replacement project.

Naval Base Kitsap (NBK)-Bangor has 9,000 employees including active duty and federal civilians working onboard daily. In addition to this regular workforce, an additional 1,000 contract employees are expected for work daily at NBK-Bangor. All of these personnel rely on the sanitary sewer service provided by Kitsap County.

Kitsap County Sewer Utility owns and operates the Central Kitsap Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer force main serving the town of Poulsbo, NBK-Bangor and NBK-Keyport. NBK- Keyport and NBK-Bangor in northern Kitsap County, Washington produce approximately 800,000 gallons per day of sewage and industrial waste. The wastewater is pumped from pumping stations just outside NBK via ductile iron pipe to the 3.0 million gallon per day Central Kitsap Wastewater Treatment Plant, owned and operated by the Kitsap County Sewer Utility. Sewage at the treatment plant is then processed to a standard of cleanliness suitable for safe discharge to Puget Sound. NBK has no redundant or alternate wastewater treatment capabilities for these locations. The existing pipe from Keyport to the Central Kitsap Treatment plant has evidence of significant corrosion, immediate failure risk with identified failure, and needs urgent repair.

The value of having reliable infrastructure for the conveyance of sewage from the bases is of utmost importance. The Bangor and Keyport force mains are the only lines that serve military housing and single sailor housing. The replacement of this line will greatly improve the resiliency and functionality of base operations, while protecting the health and safety of the families and workforce on the installations.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to Kitsap County's application for the 2021 Department of Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP). Should you have any questions, please contact Katy Crabtree in my Bremerton district office at (360) 838-3156 or [katy.crabtree@mail.house.gov](mailto:katy.crabtree@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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