

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 22, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Regan:

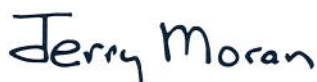
We write to express our support for the City of Wichita's application for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program loan for its biological nutrient removal project. The project will include the rehabilitation of two of the most critical wastewater facilities, which provide conveyance and treatment within the city's largest sewer shed.

The City of Wichita is responsible for providing drinking water and clean water services for approximately 500,000 people – nearly 17 percent of the Kansas population. Subsequently, the city has taken great strides to upgrade its drinking water facilities and is now prioritizing significant improvements at its largest wastewater treatment facilities and largest pump station. This project will address aging infrastructure, environmental regulations and wet weather capacity concerns. Additionally, the project aims to tackle the growing service demands that require significant capital investment to provide cost-effective and reliable treatment, protect the environment and support the region's economy.

The estimated capital cost of this project is \$353,440,000 and the City of Wichita is pursuing to finance 51 percent of the project through State Revolving Funds and 49 percent through WIFIA. In addition to the above, once completed, the project is expected to significantly advance regional water quality, rehab two critical wastewater facilities and create an estimated 550 construction jobs and six professionally certified post-construction jobs.

Funding will allow the City of Wichita to improve water quality in the region and increase the level of service to one of our state's largest communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jerry Moran
United States Senator



Roger Marshall, M.D.
United States Senator



Ron Estes
Member of Congress