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Mr. Basil Seggos
Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233

Dear Commissioner Seggos,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Town of Hillsdale for funding from the Water Quality Improvement Program through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Funding will be used to make improvements to the Town's wastewater facilities.

The Town of Hillsdale was founded in the 18th century, but has experienced a decline in economic development as a result of its location at the nexus of State Routes 22 and 23. Until recently, the Town had been unable to fully utilize commercial and historic areas. They have been successful in introducing sidewalks and crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety with assistance from New York State Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration Funding. This infrastructure improvement made the Town a walkable community and has significantly helped to revitalize the economy.

The requested funding will be used to strengthen the Town's wastewater infrastructure and ensure that it has the ability to process its sewage rather than hauling it to other facilities. The improved economic viability of the Town has placed a new burden on its wastewater system, and it is unequipped to manage the influx. Funding will be used to reduce storm water inflows, increase the Town's ability to manage current waste flows, as well as expand the Town's capacity to process the projected flows that will result as the community continues to develop. This funding will ensure that the Town of Hillsdale can adequately treat its wastewater, which will promote increased quality of life and ensure that the local economy can reach its full vibrant potential.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 225-5614.

Sincerely,



Antonio Delgado
Member of Congress