April 4, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of Genesee County Legislature, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions damper our residents’ quality of life and developers’ confidence in our County’s water supply. The completion of Phase 3 will allow Genesee County to loosen its water restrictions on residents and promote further economic growth in the area.

The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County’s water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase
3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In
addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with
increased capacity and reliability of water

On behalf of Genesee County Legislature, I strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply
subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill.
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rochelle M. Stein
Chairperson
April 4, 2022

EDWARD A. RATH III
SENATOR, 61ST DISTRICT

Congressman Christopher Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I am writing to express my strong support for Genesee County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. I recognize this is a large project.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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As the Senator representing Genesee County, I strongly support this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

EDWARD A. RATH III
NYS Senate – 61st District

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April 8, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I am writing in support of the funding Genesee County is requesting for the County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant.

It is my understanding the Phase 3 Project includes the completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects. This will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water.

Therefore, it is without hesitation that I strongly support Genesee County's Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

STEVE HAWLEY
Deputy Minority Leader
Member of NYS Assembly
139th AD

SMH:esb
April 11, 2021

The Honorable Chris Jacobs
U.S. House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

As you know, Genesee County is undertaking a large countywide water project to assure our residents, farms and industry have access to clean and reliable water. We started our countywide efforts in 1997, and with much outside help, we completed the $30 million Phase I improvements in 2002. Phase 2 of this project is currently underway and has been funded completely by the County and its residents at a cost of $23 million. Phase 2 will add another 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to the supply, but this new supply of water will quickly be tapped out by 2023.

To avoid this the County has embarked on an ambitious Phase 3 project, which is estimated at an additional $70 million. This phase will provide for an additional 6 MGD day in supply. This added supply will allow the County to close the City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The City WTP is an aged structure, threatened by contamination of both surface and groundwater sources and limited in its ability to expand capacity to support the growing needs of the County. Not only will this project allow the County to replace this threatened and limited source, but Phase 3 will also allow the County to fulfill its vision of having safe and redundant water to all residents under one regional water provider via the Monroe County Water Authority.

I am seeking support from the Congressman for FY22 Community Funding, which I believe is available to all Congressional Districts. Specifically we are seeking $10 million to help fund the Genesee County Phase 3 Water Project. I have attached an Executive Summary describing the project and the added benefits to the community. Also attached is a letter from our County Legislature supporting this request. I am available to offer any additional supporting information that may be required.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY J. HENS, P.E.
Superintendent

Atch: Executive Summary
      Letter of Support
Genesee County Water Supply Program – Phase 3

Executive Summary

The primary goal of the Genesee County Water Supply Program is to provide safe, reliable and redundant water supply capacity and quality to meet countywide water needs and economic opportunities. The Phase 2 project is currently being implemented in order to provide an additional 2.4 MGD of water supply to the Genesee County system in order to address increasing demands and to provide additional supply until larger supply projects can be planned, funded and completed.

Based on current water demand projections, the supply capacity gained from the Phase 2 project water supply capacity will be exceeded by the end of 2023. It is recommended that a Phase 3 project continue to be evaluated and be implemented as soon as is practical to avoid a water supply deficit. There is an immediate urgency to advance this additional supply phase in order for Genesee County to avoid water restrictions or denial of the formation of new water districts.

A longstanding goal of the countywide water program has been to consolidate the county water systems under one regional operator with water supply coming from the Great Lakes via the Monroe County Water Authority rather than from the threatened and limited water sources within the county. The City of Batavia Water Treatment Plant has long been the source of most of the water for Genesee County, but this facility is over 100 years old, threatened by both surface water and groundwater contamination and it is very limited in its ability to produce more water to meet the county’s rapidly increasing demand. The additional supply of 7.6 MGD gained from Phase 3 would allow for closure of the City WTP and still provide surplus water for system expansion and economic development throughout the County.

Phase 3 generally consists of the construction of new major water transmission mains and pump stations through both Genesee County and neighboring Monroe County; all the way back to the MCWA Shoremont Water Treatment Plant on Lake Ontario. Much of this pipeline in Monroe County is through heavily suburban areas and the expected costs are very high. The total projected cost of Phase 3 is over $70 million. Genesee County thus far has been able to fund the current Phase 2 projects with user fees on water customers, but even with a “Water pays for water” strategy, the expected burden is difficult to bear.

Attached are maps of projected Phase 3 upgrades needed within both Genesee and Monroe Counties.
April 4, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of the Genesee County Economic Development Center, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County’s water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water supply.
On behalf of the Genesee County Economic Development Center, I strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Hyde
President & CEO
Genesee County Economic Development Center
April 4, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs  
United States House of Representatives  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs:

On behalf of City of Batavia, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

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On behalf of City of Batavia, I strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Office of the City Manager  
One Batavia City Centre  
Batavia, New York 14020
Sincerely,

Rachael J. Tabelski
City Manager
April 5, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of the Town of Batavia, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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On behalf of the Town of Batavia, I strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory H. Post
Supervisor
Town of Batavia

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The Honorable Christopher L. Jacobs  
United States House of Representatives  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

April 6, 2022  

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request  

Dear Representative Jacobs,  

On behalf of O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc., I am writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant (WTP).  

O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc. is a subsidiary of Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. which is owned by 280 farmers located throughout New York and the Northeast. The Cooperative owns and operates 9 dairy manufacturing facilities with 1,900 employees that turn milk into a full spectrum of wholesome and nutritious dairy products. These products are sold to retail, foodservice, schools, government institutions, and hospitality partners across New York, the nation, and internationally.  

It is critical that projects such as the Phase 3 Water Supply project are funded to assure an available and consistent supply of water to residents and the two manufacturing plants owned by Upstate Niagara in Genesee County. To that end, the completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City WTP. Currently, the Batavia WTP draws from the same aquifer as O-AT-KA and this project would reduce demand on that aquifer while also providing an opportunity for future growth at our dairy manufacturing plants.  

Genesee County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues because of weather events and other factors. These kinds of restrictions reduce our residents’ quality of life and dairy manufacturing’s confidence in our county’s water supply. Phase 3 improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents and businesses in the county a resilient water supply.  

Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County’s water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward, provide for more economic development, and assurances of increased capacity and reliability of water.  

O-AT-KA Milk Products Cooperative, Inc. strongly supports Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.  

Sincerely,  

William L. Schreiber,  
Chief Executive Officer
The Honorable Christopher L. Jacobs  
United States House of Representatives  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

April 6, 2022  

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request  

Dear Representative Jacobs,  

On behalf of Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc., I am writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant (WTP).  

Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. is owned by 280 farmers located throughout New York and the Northeast. The Cooperative owns and operates 9 dairy manufacturing facilities, 2 of which are in Batavia, NY. In total, the Cooperative employs 1,900 people who turn milk into a full spectrum of wholesome and nutritious dairy products. These products are sold to retail, foodservice, schools, government institutions, and hospitality partners across New York and the nation.  

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Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. strongly supports Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourages its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.  

Sincerely,  

Lawrence C. Webster,  
Chief Executive Officer
April 19, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of HP Hood LLC, I am writing to formally express our support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

Hood’s 458,000-square-foot manufacturing facility located in Batavia is one of Hood’s largest plants and has become one of the largest consumers of water in Genesee County. The plant processes extended-shelf-life dairy and non-dairy beverages for distribution across the country and employs 435 people today.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions can affect our operations and we believe that the completion of Phase 3 will allow Genesee County to loosen its water restrictions on residents and promote further economic growth in the area.

On behalf of HP Hood LLC, I would greatly appreciate your consideration of Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Corporon
Senior Director of Operations
HP Hood LLC | Batavia
Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs  
United States House of Representatives  
214 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Community Project Request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

The completion of the North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County with another step towards the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources in the Tonawanda Creek and the Batavia Wellfield. This water tank project and water main improvements will help Genesee County meet its goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and give residents a resilient water supply.

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On behalf of the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce, we strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Erik Fix  
President  
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce
April 14, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I fully support funding the water improvement project in Genesee County that will improve the County’s water supply and eliminate reliance on the outdated and jeopardized infrastructure at Batavia Water Treatment Plant.

This County project will eliminate dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP. The partnership with the Monroe County Water Authority (WCWA) will provide enhanced system reliability through financial, operational, and managerial assets and provide safe and reliable water allowing for continued job creation and development. The current average day county water demands are 6.9 MGD. On peak days this demand spikes to nearly 9.7 MGD, which exceeds the county’s supply capacity of 8.9 MGD. This funding is paramount to ensure that future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward assisting communities within the County.

The Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources and these improvements will help Genesee County’s goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and giving residents a resilient water supply.

Construction of the Town of Bergen Water Improvement Benefit Area is currently underway within Genesee County. The project includes the installation of approximately 164,000 linear feet of water main and includes 352 service connections serving an estimated population of 890 residents. The project will depend on the County’s water supply to meet its estimated average daily demand of 58,000 gallons of water to the project area. The Town’s project is also dependent on Genesee County increasing its water supply capacity to allow further expansion of its water system to serve additional areas and/or populations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Ernest Haywood, Supervisor

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April 14, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
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RE: Support for Genesee County FY2023 Community Project Request

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

On behalf of CY Farms, we are writing to formally express our full support for Genesee County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 community project request for the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects to replace the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements.

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The County has been under emergency water restrictions for the past two years due to capacity issues and with the extreme weather events continuing for our region, these may get worse. These kinds of restrictions can be very detrimental to farmers and small businesses.

The proposed drinking water improvements are critical to the public health and safety of area residents and visitors to our community. Estimated project costs to completely regionalize Genesee County’s water system are insurmountable for the residents of the County. This funding is paramount to ensure the Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward. In addition, these improvements would aid in more economic development opportunities for our County with increased capacity and reliability of water.

On behalf of CY Farms/ Batavia Turf, I strongly support Genesee County’s Phase 3 Water Supply subprojects and encourage its inclusion in the FY23 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Christian Yunker, Managing Partner

CY Farms/ Batavia Turf
April 14, 2022

Congressman Christopher L. Jacobs
United States House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Jacobs,

I fully support funding the water improvement project in Genesee County that will move the County’s water supply and they will not be relying on the outdated and jeopardized infrastructure at Batavia Water Treatment Plant. We recognize this is a large project and undertaking and support all of the upcoming improvements as the water limitations affect every community in the County. Our firm works with communities within the County that are having their own plans and projects paused until the water capacity is there.

This County project will eliminate dependence on erratic water quality and water capacity concerns at the Batavia WTP and our clients recognize the partnership with the Monroe County Water Authority (WCWA) will provide enhanced system reliability through financial, operational, and managerial assets and provide safe and reliable water and this will allow for continued job creation and development. The current average day county water demands are 6.9 MGD. On peak days this demand spikes to nearly 9.7 MGD, which exceeds the county’s supply capacity of 8.9 MGD. This funding is paramount to ensure the future Genesee County Water Supply projects can move forward assisting communities within the County.

It is my understanding that the completion of North Road water storage tank, Prole Road water main, and Galloway Road and Macomber Road water main projects will provide Genesee County another step toward the total replacement of the antiquated Batavia City Water Treatment Plant and provide the capacity for communities within the County to move forward with their own planned projects. As you know, the Batavia City Water Treatment Plant provides water to half of all Genesee County residents utilizing threatened and unstable water sources and these improvements will help Genesee County’s goal of regionalizing the water distribution system and giving residents a resilient water supply and will not be a barrier for its cities, towns and villages to grow.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

Scott D. Mattison, P.E.
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Rochester, NY 14620