Dear NAME,

I am YOUR POSITION at WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEM. I am writing to you to request that a portion of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) received by TOWN be allocated to SYSTEM for needed infrastructure improvements.

DESCRIBE SYSTEM: services, location, history, number of people served, types of users, any significant users (nursing homes, schools, downtown business, etc.), fire protection, flood/stormwater control, environmental protections

We are asking that you allocate $DOLLAR AMOUNT of ARPA funds to SYSTEM for infrastructure projects. DESCRIBE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND ANTICIPATED COSTS

The American Rescue Plan funds provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernize water and sewer infrastructure at no cost to local residents. Vermont did budget $120 million of state-allocated ARPA funds for clean water. The majority of this money, however, is designated for new projects rather than upgrading existing infrastructure. This budget will not help meet the current needs of our utility.

There is the possibility that a federal infrastructure bill could provide funds for specific water-related projects such as replacing lead service lines. But as there are many unknowns about whether an infrastructure bill will be passed and what it may contain, we would be wise to strategically invest the funding we have now in the places it is needed most.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME