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The Honorable Kathleen Hochul  
Governor, State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

I am writing to you to request that you include the City of North Tonawanda in this year's Executive Budget under Emergency Funding.

After speaking with the City of North Tonawanda Common Council, it is apparent that these funds are needed due to countless issues at their wastewater treatment plant. The emergency funding will upgrade the plant through the installation of a new Digester System, High-Low Pump System, Pipes/Valves, and help with the flooding going on inside the plant.

Many of these systems at the wastewater treatment plant, are either at the end of their useful life or inadequate when compared to current guidelines and recommendations, which limit the City's ability to meet DEC requirements and maintain reliability and resiliency of the plant. Some of these deficiencies have already been cited in a Notice of Violation by the New York State DEC and are required to ensure that the treatment plant operates within current regulations.

This emergency funding is a priority for the City of North Tonawanda Common Council and the citizens because it will help the City address safety and economic development needs by maintaining high quality effluent water through the investment in upgrading existing infrastructure. I know that it is critical for the continued health and safety of the residents in the community served by the City of North Tonawanda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robt G. Ortt'.

Robert G. Ortt  
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