



**Joint Letter of Support for the City of Echo Water System Improvements Project**  
*from the Offices of Senator Hansell, SD 29 and Representative Levy, HD 58*

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

The City of Echo is requesting assistance to do critical water maintenance throughout their water systems. Echo, which has already increased utility rate pay to the fullest extent that their residents can afford, is in desperate need of legislative funding to address critical water infrastructure.

This request consists of the improvement to existing wells, installing a new water reservoir, updating transmission lines, installing new service meters, and bringing a new source of water from Stanfield to Echo city limits. In the last year, the city of Echo sustained damages from two floods: one in February of 2020 and one in March of 2020. These floods have exacerbated the critical nature of their water systems and has increased the need to invest in long-term, resilient projects.

The city administrator has worked tirelessly to support the small community of Echo. With less than 750 residents, Echo is hard-pressed to raise funds on their own. This project is in the final stages of master planning and is looking for funding sources outside of raising utility rate charges further. At this point, Echo will either be home to a failing water system, or cause its residents to relocate due to increased costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this project,

Senator Bill Hansell, SD 29

Representative Bobby Levy, HD 58