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Hon. Andrew Joyce
Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street – Suite 710
Albany, New York 12207

**Re: 2020 EFC Grant Application - Regional Anaerobic Digester Project
Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Joyce,

The Water Purification District (District) is requesting legislative approval to apply for a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant through Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). The WIIA grant would be specific for the Regional Anaerobic Digester Project. Recently the project's total capital expenditure was increased from \$48.5 to \$56 million to allow for an additional sludge drying process that is anticipated to mitigate long term sludge disposal costs.

For projects above \$50 million, EFC offers WIIA grants up to a maximum limit of \$12.5 million, as compared to project under \$50 million that are only qualified to receive up to \$5 million. In 2019, EFC recognized the importance of Digester project and awarded the County a \$5 million WIIA grant which was the maximum grant allowed for our category. Although we will have to relinquish the grant award from last year we feel that EFC will continue to look favorably on the project for this year's application cycle. Both the joint IMA Board and the District Board have approved of our reapplication for the WIIA grant in the hopes of qualifying for the larger program limit of \$12.5 million, which would offset the additional project cost increase.

If you have any questions or concerns you may reach me at (518) 447-1617.

Sincerely,

Angelo Gaudio, P.E.
Executive Director