



TOWN OF NORWAY

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Representative Lonnie Hosey
South Carolina District 91
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Barnwell, SC 29812

RE: EMERGENCY CRISIS FUNDING

Dear Representative Hosey:

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Town of Norway is currently experiencing a financial hardship due to the lack of incoming revenue which started with the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, our loss of income was so great during that time, that we have not yet been able to bring our financial obligations current. In fact, the situation is dire enough now that we are collecting more in late fees and new bills than we can pay.

I am especially concerned with the fact that we supply water / sewer to Hunter Kinard Tyler Elementary and High School of the Orangeburg County School District. The Town of Norway has one of the oldest water systems in the state and the leaks are an ongoing struggle for a small town. Our water payment each month is not reducing our debt to the Department of Public Utilities because we are billed for more water than we are selling, and we simply are not able to pay the full bill each month. Couple lost income with massive water leaks (that we have been unable to find and contain) and our financial picture is bleak at best.

I request your assistance in possibly obtaining emergency crisis funding to ensure our continued operation. The funding will allow us to pay some of our debt and continue to operate the Town.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (803) 682-5656.

Sincerely,

GREGG COVINGTON
MAYOR

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