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This is really great news! It's the first step, but a really big one. Congrats to the Town!

Josh – I owe you a couple of email responses. I'll be in touch today on those after I get past a few morning meetings.

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Re: Town of Richmond for Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility

Dear Josh:

Thank you for taking the time to request funding through the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process as the U.S. Senate advances the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations package. I am pleased to inform you that I have nominated your project, **"Town of Richmond for Richmond Wastewater Treatment Facility**," to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies to receive \$2500000 from the EPA CWSRF account. You can find more information at <u>https://www.welch.senate.gov/services/cds-requests/</u>.

While this is good news, this is only the first step in a long process. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee must review the request for eligibility and budget constraints; the Appropriations Committee must advance the project to the full Senate; and both the Senate and House must approve inclusion of the project in the final appropriations bills and pass the bills before President Biden can sign the budget. All of these steps present a hurdle in the funding of CDS projects. Accordingly, I want to emphasize that the CDS process is only one of many ways to apply for federal funding for your project, and I encourage you to apply for federal grants through existing federal programs. My office is happy to help direct you to the appropriate programs best suited to your project.

If you have questions about this or other federal funding possibilities, please contact <u>rebecca_ellis@welch.senate.gov</u> in my Burlington office.

I look forward to seeing you in Vermont.

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PETER WELCH United States Senator

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