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The Honorable Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

March 26, 2021

Dear Senator Tillis:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the residents of Ranlo, North Carolina to humbly and respectfully request your consideration of seven potential community projects in the upcoming federal year budget.

At a special meeting of the Ranlo Board of Commissioners held on March 25, 2021, the Board publicly adopted the enclosed resolution specifically outlining the needs of our community and imploring your office to consider supporting any of these efforts. The majority of these projects have been evaluated by professional engineering groups and specific details on any of the projects are available at your request. These projects range from much needed infrastructure repair, park restorations, and providing ADA accessibility throughout Ranlo.

I appreciate your consideration of these community funded projects. I am glad to discuss further at your convenience and it is our hope that you will submit a project for community funding within the next few weeks on behalf of the Town of Ranlo. Thank you for your dedication, efforts, and commitment to the people of North Carolina.

Thank you and best regards,

Jonathan D. Blanton, Esq./M.P.A.

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Enclosure:

Town of Ranlo Resolution Requesting Congressional Aid and Federal Assistance

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## TOWN OF RANLO RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESSIONAL AID AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

### RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo, North Carolina is located in the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina and is represented by the Honorable Virginia Foxx in the United States House of Representatives and the Honorable Richard Burr and Thom Tillis in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo is home to over 3500 North Carolinians and is a duly incorporated municipality supporting a full-time police department, utility department, administration department, and parks and recreation department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo is experiencing serious budget short-falls due to the effects of COVID-19, the rapid depreciation of aging infrastructure, and a lack of funding availability through alternate resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recently authorized members of the United States House of Representatives to request funding for up to ten Community Projects within each member's district in the upcoming federal year budget;

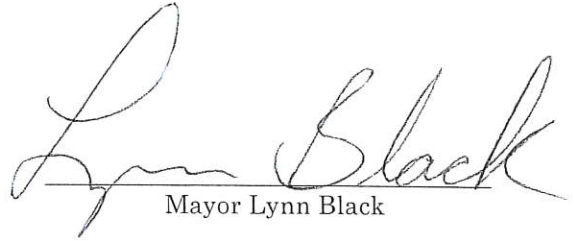
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for Ranlo, North Carolina, meeting in special session on the 25 day of March 2021, respectfully and publicly request that the North Carolina Congressional Delegation consider advocating for one, all, or some of the following urgent needs in the form of a Community Project:

1. \$1,384,200.00 in funding for water system improvements to low-income areas that have limited to no access to fire hydrants within the Town.
2. \$1,127,800.00 in funding for the reconstruction and repair of Boulder Court, a severely failing and heavily traveled public street with crumbling underground utility deficiencies.
3. \$900,000.00 in infrastructure funding for dated water meter replacement for approximately 1700 residences and businesses.
4. \$538,000.00 in funding for the upfitting and renovations to The Lodge, a dated community center for the Town, which will provide for ADA accessibility, internet connectivity, and COVID-19 safeguards to be installed on site.
5. \$282,750.00 in funding for road construction, connectivity, and accessibility for Ranlo Avenue, a public street which currently remains unfinished and split into two paved sections.
6. \$140,000.00 in funding for sidewalk replacement and upfitting for ADA accessibility.

7. \$120,000.00 in funding for two municipal parks to provide for ADA accessibility, including ramps and sidewalk access, as well as the installation of hand-washing stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body for the Town of Ranlo in a duly called special meeting of the Board of Commissioners do hereby humbly and publicly request federal assistance for the aforementioned projects and pledge the Town's full support in the submission thereof.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 25 day of March, 2021.



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Mayor Lynn Black

ATTEST:



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Jonathan D. Blanton, Town Manager/Clerk