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The Honorable John Torbett
North Carolina General Assembly
300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 538
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

March 26, 2021

Dear Representative Torbett:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the residents of Ranlo, North Carolina to humbly and respectfully request your consideration of seven special projects in the upcoming North Carolina State 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 critical and meaningful projects. I am glad to discuss further at your convenience and it is our hope that you will submit a project for special funding 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 North Carolina General Assembly State Aid

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**TOWN OF RANLO RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY STATE AID**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo, North Carolina is located in the 108th House District and the Forty-Third State Senate District in the North Carolina General Assembly and is represented by the Honorable Representative John Torbett and the Honorable Senator Kathy Harrington; 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

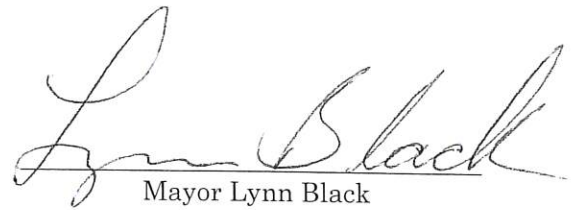
WHEREAS, the Town of Ranlo is experiencing serious budget short-falls due to the effects of COVID-19, the rapid depreciation of aging infrastructure, and a lack of funding availability through alternate resources;

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 Legislative Delegation consider advocating for one, all, or some of the following urgent needs in the upcoming North Carolina State Budget:

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.

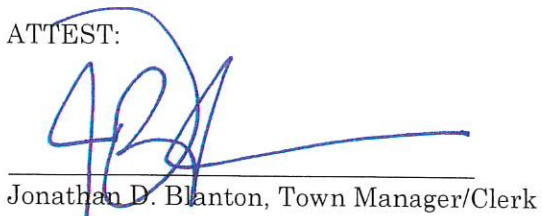
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body for the Town of Ranlo in a duly called special meeting of the Board of Commissioners do hereby humbly and publicly request state assistance for the aforementioned projects and pledge the Town's full support in the submission thereof.

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



Mayor Lynn Black

ATTEST:



Jonathan D. Blanton, Town Manager/Clerk