

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 5, 2017

Mr. Mark Scarano
Federal Co-Chair
Northern Border Regional Commission
53 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Scarano:

We write in support of the application submitted by the Presque Isle Utilities District to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Economic and Infrastructure Development Program. The utilities district seeks funding to support an assessment of the city's sewer system that will help strengthen the local wastewater system and evaluate the extent of future necessary treatment plant improvements.

Located in the City of Presque Isle, Maine, in the state's northernmost county, the Presque Isle Utilities District oversees the town's wastewater treatment plant and related critical water infrastructure. The utilities district plans to take proactive steps to comply with a new wastewater discharge permit that will help address the current amount of inflow and infiltration into the aging sewer collection system, which currently exceeds the limits required by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.


If funded, the utilities district would be able to conduct a detailed collection system analysis to understand the full scope of inflow problems using camera assessments, detailed flow metering in critical areas, and inspection strategies to determine if the system complies with permit requirements. We believe the project would help the utilities district make smart decisions and investments to improve local wastewater infrastructure in Presque Isle and help strengthen the local economy.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the City of Presque Isle. We request the NBRC's careful consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Katie Seelen (Collins) at (202) 224-2523 and Adam Lachman (King) at (202) 224-5344 when a final decision is made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator