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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN - 98TH DISTRICT**

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Mr. Dwight Brown
Division of Engineering & Program Management
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207-2997

Re: Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grants

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Village of Tuxedo Park recently submitted four applications to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for consideration of certain grants for the water system to address issues that were cited by the NYS Department of Health. I write to you today to express my strong support for the Village of Tuxedo in regard to these grants applications.

Tuxedo Park has one of the oldest potable water infrastructure systems in the United States. Some parts of it, such as the water main of the Tuxedo Lake reservoir, are nearly a century old.

The Village of Tuxedo's submissions to the EFC were the following:

Tuxedo Water Meter Relocation: The Tuxedo Water Meter Project helps to identify parts within the water system that may be contributing to water loss, or find areas that are not leaking, moving focus elsewhere.

Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Upgrades: The Water Treatment Plant Project ensures proper chlorine contact time is provided under all temperature and demand scenarios as per Department of Health requirements.

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Tuxedo Lake Water Main Replacement: The Tuxedo Lake water main, essential to providing potable water and fire flows to the west side of the Village, is a potential cause of water loss.

East Village Water Main Replacements: In an area of the Town known as the East Village, this project eliminates asbestos cement pipes with a history of failure. Repairs of these pipes are difficult due to confined space entries into the drainage culvert and handling of asbestos containing materials.

These projects benefit both Village and Town users. They will also reduce water loss and energy consumption at the Water Treatment Plant and extend the service life of Water Treatment Plant components.

I sincerely hope that you will favorably consider these four grants. Should you require additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl A. Brabene". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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