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From: Patty Anderson <patty@tcaexpress.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:37 PM
To: Schouten, Mark [HSEMD]
Subject: flood mitigation program
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Dear Mark,

I am writing to you to ask that you support funding the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program. The City of Hartley, O'Brien County, a community of 1,672, has experience severe flooding many years. After the 2010 floods, 20% of the homes in the city were flooded along with businesses and water covering IA Highway 18 running east and west through the northern section of the city.

Again in the spring of 2013, the city experienced flooding. The City Council hired an engineering firm to develop a storm water management plan identifying actions that could be taken to mitigate and reduce flooding. When that was completed, the total cost of the project was \$2,157,000. The project involves replacing the storm sewer system in the northern section of the city along with berms and detention pond. Many cities like Hartley, have aged and damaged storm sewer systems or none at all in areas where it is needed. It is a strain on waste water systems also.

Because of the cost of the project, the City is struggling to find funding to assist with this project. The City Council is serious about implementing flood mitigation measures and continues to research funding options to start the project.

We ask that you as an Iowa Flood Mitigation Board Member consider funding the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program to assist cities like ours with flood mitigation measures. I plan to write other members of your Board also.

Attached are some pictures of our 2010 floods.

Thank You,

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