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Dear Congressman Webster,

As Mayor of Winter Garden, I am writing to express my strong support for the renewal of the *Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grant Program*. This program has played a vital role in helping our community modernize essential infrastructure, improve public safety, and promote environmental responsibility.

In partnership with Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, our city has benefited directly from NGDISM funding. These federal dollars have supported the replacement of aging, leak-prone pipelines, reducing methane emissions, minimizing the risk of service disruptions, and enhancing the overall safety of our residents and businesses.

The program has also enabled the acquisition of advanced detection equipment that allows for more accurate location of underground natural gas facilities. This technology reduces third-party damage, lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and helps ensure that critical utility work is completed safely and efficiently.

These infrastructure improvements are not just about safety; they create jobs, support local economies, and reflect the kind of smart, forward-looking investment our communities need.

As Congress reviews the NGDISM Grant Program for renewal, I respectfully urge your continued support. The program represents a meaningful federal commitment to public safety, economic growth, and the responsible modernization of our nation's energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,

John Rees
Mayor, Winter Garden