

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

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Angela Ewell-Madison  
Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Herbert Hoover Building, Room 71015  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Ms. Ewell-Madison:

We write in support of the application submitted by the Town of Jaffrey, New Hampshire for federal aid from the Economic Development Administration (EDA)'s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. The Town plans to use these funds for construction purposes at the Cold Stone Spring Water Treatment Plant, an ambitious and first-of-its-kind project to develop a shared water supply between two neighboring municipalities.

In the spring of 2018, the Town of Jaffrey and the Town of Peterborough began to work together to acquire a new water source that would be jointly-owned and operated. Both communities had sought an alternate water source for decades. One year later, they entered into Memorandum of Understanding to split evenly the costs of purchasing the nearby Cold Stone Spring property and constructing a treatment facility. Each town agreed to cover its own expenses for running distribution lines to and from the facility. Both communities have worked since then to secure funding for the \$12.6 million project from local, state and federal sources.

Support from EDA would help the Town of Jaffrey to construct distribution lines from the wells on the property to the Cold Stone Spring Water Treatment Plant. The Town would also add a distribution line from the plant to connect with the existing town water system. Successful implementation of this project is a crucial part of Jaffrey's economic development plans. Cold Stone Spring Water Treatment Plant enjoys overwhelming community support from residents as well as local businesses, including one of the largest employers in the Monadnock Region – MilliporeSigma – whose expansion plans depend on increased water usage. At its Jaffrey location, MilliporeSigma expects to add jobs and increase its production of vital devices used in the development and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

This joint venture between Jaffrey and Peterborough is becoming a model for communities coming together to secure support from a variety of funding sources and solve a shared problem. We support the Town of Jaffrey in its application for funding from EDA and urge your serious consideration of its proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator



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Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator



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Ann McLane Kuster  
Member of Congress