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April 26, 2024

Honorable Trent Kelly  
Washington, D. C.

City of Pontotoc  
116 North Main Street  
Pontotoc, MS 38863

Dear Representative Kelly,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a critical matter that directly impacts the residents of Pontotoc and the surrounding areas. As a dedicated representative of our community, I believe you are instrumental in addressing this issue and advocating for the necessary changes.

The current state of Pontotoc's City Hall is a cause for concern. Over the years, the building has become increasingly outdated, and its functionality is severely compromised. The infrastructure, including wiring, HVAC systems, and computer hookups, is in dire need of replacement or substantial upgrades. These deficiencies not only hinder the efficiency of our municipal operations but also pose potential safety risks to employees and visitors alike.

Moreover, the inadequacy of our City Hall extends beyond the boundaries of Pontotoc. Our gas department serves not only Pontotoc County, but also Lafayette, Lee, and Union Counties. The services provided by the gas department are essential for the residents and businesses in these areas, and they rely on our infrastructure to function smoothly. By investing in a new City Hall with modernized facilities, we can ensure that our services remain reliable and efficient for the benefit of all the citizens across these counties.

I strongly believe that prioritizing the construction of a new City Hall is not just a matter of convenience but a necessity for the well-being and prosperity of our community. The proposed drive-thru window alone would especially help our elderly and handicapped customers. By addressing the outdated terms of functionality in our municipal infrastructure, we can enhance operational efficiency, improve service delivery, and uphold the safety standard that our citizens deserve.

I urge you to consider this matter with the utmost seriousness and advocate for the allocation of resources toward the construction of a new City Hall for Pontotoc. Your support in this endeavor will have a profound and lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals who call Pontotoc and its surrounding counties home.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. I look forward to your leadership and commitment to making Pontotoc a better place for all.

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Mayor Bob Peebles

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April 24, 2024

Representative Trent Kelly  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I hope this letter finds you and your staff doing well. I appreciate your representation of our state and all you have accomplished for the First District.

The City of Pontotoc is in great need of a new City Hall building. The current building needs repairs and just does not provide what our growing city will require for the future. It has served its purpose, but with technological advances, they not only need space for the growing staff but also for a space to house the technology and security hardware. The current building also does not have a drive-through window to allow those with mobility issues to pay their bills without having to get out of their cars and go inside.

My residence is just four doors away from the city hall building, and I serve as President of the hometown bank, First Choice Bank, which is also located about a block away from the current city hall location. The new building would not only provide space for our city to grow for years to come but would also be an aesthetic enhancement to our downtown area.

First Choice Bank will support this endeavor by the city any way we can, and I ask that you please explore options of grant money that might be available to assist them as well.

Any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Shane Clayton  
President & CEO



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April, 24, 2024

Representative Trent Kelly  
Washington, D.C.

Subject: City Hall of Pontotoc located in Pontotoc County

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I hope that this correspondence finds you well. Thank you for the job you do representing the First District of Mississippi.

It has been brought to my attention that the City of Pontotoc is looking to expand and improve their facilities known locally as City Hall. The current building, an eighty-year-old retired service station, has been the home of the City Hall for the last fifty years. The City of made efforts over the years to modify and renovate the current building, but has now reached a time that this will no longer solve the issues with the current building. With the modern times that we currently live in, this older structure does not allow for modern day upgrades, including improved and upgraded electrical systems, much needed IT upgrades, and security and access concerns. The current electrical system just isn't capable of carrying the power loads needed to bring the City into modern times. The building construction does not allow for easy additions of internet and computer connections, as everything today relies on technology. The current layout of the building causes a severe safety concern, as there is no real way to maintain access control to areas of the building that house sensitive information. They noted this issue came into play during the COVID-19 pandemic, as they were unable to control access to the general public, due to the building layout.

After discussion with the Mayor for Pontotoc City, we noted that the City has grown substantially over the last fifty years, and the current City Hall is just unable to keep up with modern times and they have ran out of options to accommodate where they are housed now. The City of Pontotoc, as well as my office, feel the only way to address the safety concerns would be to build new City Hall. This would allow the City to plan, design, and shape the building as they feel would suffice to continue to serve the great citizens of Pontotoc.

Thank you for helping us address our needs of our citizens.

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Allen Bain  
Pontotoc County Emergency Management

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2243 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Kelly,

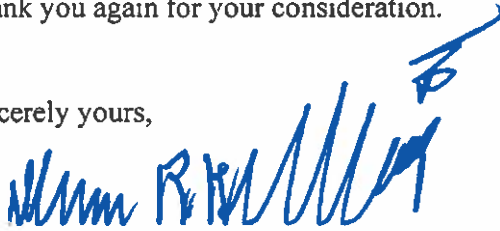
Thank you for considering The City of Pontotoc's request for federal funding support to assist in constructing a new City Hall in Pontotoc. The current facility is located in a 75 year old former gas station and is functionally obsolete. The City has looked at several renovation and expansion options to conduct modern business in the facility, but the existing building is not conducive to do so.

A new facility will not only serve the current needs of the Citizens of Pontotoc, but will satisfy future needs for the next 75 years and beyond.

We appreciate the job you do for us in Congress and are grateful of your long-standing concern for The City of Pontotoc and our Region.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Vernon R. Kelley, III  
Executive Director

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