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The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support Local Government Priorities in Economic Stimulus Legislation**

Dear Congressman Costa,

As Lemoore works to provide critical services and expand local and regional community development initiatives during the economic downturn, I am writing to urge your support for including federal funding in any economic stimulus legislation that would assist Lemoore's efforts in maintaining and upgrading local water, sewer, affordable housing, green building and energy conservation projects and initiatives.

Lemoore faces many challenges providing services while revenues are in steep decline. As the national economic crisis expands a number of local governments including Lemoore are being forced to consider cuts on critical services, such as police, parks and recreation. A federal effort to stimulate the economy provides opportunities to assist cities like Lemoore continue to provide vital local services as well as advance local transportation and water infrastructure projects, expand affordable housing and increase local energy conservation efforts by investing in federal programs that will generate jobs through support of economic development projects being initiated at the local level.

As you continue to develop economic stimulus legislation we urge you to provide urgent and increased funding for the following:

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant & Green Jobs
- Community Development Block Grant & HOME Program
- Highway Infrastructure (through the Surface Transportation Program)
- Water & Wastewater Infrastructure
- Public Housing Modernization
- Public Safety Jobs & Technology
- Transit Equipment & Infrastructure
- Restoration the Multi-Family Rental Housing Tax Credit

Thank you for your consideration of Lemoore's concerns on this urgent issue. We look forward to working closely with you in advancing economic stimulus legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Britz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jeff Britz  
City Manager

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable David Obey  
Dan Carrigg, Legislative Director, League of California Cities