



Tom Martin ★ Mayor

March 5, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

The City of Lubbock is honored to have you representing the great State of Texas. You serve us well and we look forward to working with you again this year with our federal initiative agenda.

Lubbock and this region of West Texas have a huge water infrastructure program underway and we, as a region, are doing our part to pay for our needs, but our needs are great and it will require significant federal help. We are unique in that our source of drinking water is disappearing from beneath our feet. Lubbock has committed almost half a billion dollars to secure, retrieve, and treat water from Lake Alan Henry which is 65 miles from this area. This new water source will supply not only Lubbock, but also the surrounding communities and counties. As a result, our citizens will be paying sharply higher rates for its drinking water and for the treatment of that water and wastewater.

We also pay debt on water supply and infrastructure projects through the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, our main source of drinking water, which costs about \$38 million.

Senator, this is where we need your help. We estimate total Lake Alan Henry pipeline efforts to cost roughly \$240 million. The city's commitments through the river authority for new water and pipelines to deliver them total \$78 million. A new wastewater treatment facility, billed through the sewer rates but also part of long-term water supply plans, will cost \$133 million.

Lake Meredith was once our primary source of water for Lubbock and 10 other Panhandle communities. It has declined to levels not seen since cities filled the lake more than 40 years ago.

We are again seeking your support and help to secure funding for three (3) primary projects: (1) Lake Alan Henry Treated Water Pipeline; (2) Lake Alan Henry Water Treatment Plant; and (3) Lake Alan Henry Pipeline Pump Stations. These projects request forms have been completed and submitted to your office.

I, as Mayor, and the Lubbock City Council fully support and endorse these projects. If there is any additional information that you need, please let me know.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Tom Martin
Mayor