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TO: Len Simon

FR: Sam Adams

RE: Increased Federal assistance for utility infrastructure and maintenance

As the newly-appointed commissioner in charge of the city's Bureau of Environmental Services, I have learned quickly that the bureau faces a number of financially significant investments in its wastewater and stormwater management infrastructure and maintenance, many in response to federal mandates. The scope of these investments is such that federal assistance is needed to ensure implementation.

The City of Portland has been very fortunate to have a hard-working and excellent congressional delegation. Through the outstanding efforts of Senator Hatfield during his tenure in the Senate and currently through the work of Senators Wyden and Smith and Representatives Blumenauer, Wu, and Hooley, the City has received funding for the Columbia Slough, Johnson Creek and a number of innovative wet weather grants.

We are grateful for these accomplishments, particularly in the last several years as domestic discretionary spending for projects of this kind have been opposed by the Bush Administration. I am eager to explore ways in which federal funding of wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects can be addressed. To that end, I ask you to provide for me:

- A review of all potential sources of federal dollars relevant to these needs, and;
- A written strategy that outlines how we may improve our federal lobbying ability to secure these dollars; and
- A compilation of other cities who may serve as coalition partners.

Kindly provide both to me by Friday, October 28 at the address listed above.

Thank you.