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March 29, 2023

Honorable Chris Smith, Congressman
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*Transmitted via e-mail

RE: Support for Financial Assistance - Borough of South Toms River – Community Center HVAC System

Dear Congressman Smith:

This is a **LETTER OF SUPPORT** sent on behalf of the Borough of South Toms River which is requesting federal funding to replace the HVAC system in the Borough's Recreation/Community Center.

It is our Delegation's understanding that the Borough is making this important request subsequent to confirming with an engineering firm that advised replacing the system would exponentially improve the system's energy efficiency while also providing the necessary heating and air-condition functions necessary for the Center's operations. Equally important, we wholeheartedly support the Borough's request to the extent that funding request is a sound and prudent fiscal investment in the Borough's centerpiece of public activities.

Again, please accept this **LETTER OF SUPPORT** sent on behalf of the Borough of South Toms River which is requesting federal funding to replace the HVAC system in the Borough's Recreation/Community Center. As always, our Delegation looks forward to working with you and your dedicated staff in representing our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Oscar Cradle, Mayor, South Toms River, and Borough Council Members



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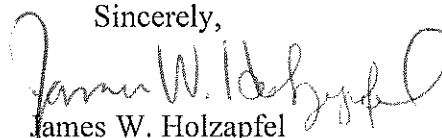
Dear Congressman Smith:


Please accept this as a letter of support for the Borough of South Toms River's request for federal funding to replace the HVAC system in the Borough's Recreation/Community Center.

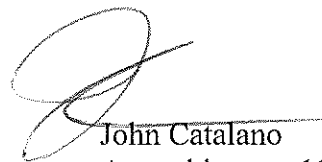
This request comes after the Borough doing minor and necessary repairs over time that have now led to an engineering firm confirming that replacing the system would exponentially improve the system's energy efficiency while also providing the necessary heating and air-condition functions necessary for the Community Center's operations. The center is the main attraction for all the Borough's public activities, which include a gym, classrooms, and offices.

Again, please accept this letter of support sent on behalf of the Borough of South Toms River which is requesting federal funding to replace the HVAC system in the their Recreation/Community Center. Please feel free to contact our office with any additional questions.

Sincerely,


James W. Holzapfel
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Congressman Chris Smith,

3/26/2023

The Borough of South Toms River, NJ is in dire need of financial assistance to facilitate replacement of the HVAC system in our Recreation/Community Center. We have been doing minor, necessary repairs to keep the system operating for some time but the system is now over twenty years old and is nearing the end of its useful life. We have had an engineering firm evaluate the existing system and develop a basic plan for a replacement system that will exponentially improve energy efficiency and provide the needed heating and air-conditioning functions for years to come in what has become the centerpiece of our borough's public activities. The engineer's plan projected costs to be between \$750,000.00 and \$900,000.00 to properly provide these functions in our roughly ten thousand square foot building with gymnasium, classrooms, and offices. In anticipation of this upgrade and replacement plan we applied for and received a \$75,000.00 matching grant from the State of NJ and budgeted \$75,000.00 in our 2022 capital plan so we are able to provide \$150,000.00 towards the cost of this project but we are seeking assistance with covering the difference.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance in this matter as do the many community groups that regularly use and depend on the availability of this facility. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for any further information.

Thank you,

Sandford A. Ross

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Congressman Chris Smith

3/26/2023

Please accept this letter of support for the funding for the HVAC system replacement and upgrade at the Borough of South Toms River's Recreation Center. The facility is used by so many local organizations including our Commission's summer camp program, Homework Club tutoring program, periodic dances & events, multiple local cheerleading organizations, the local youth baseball teams, other sport groups, and for regular public affairs and parties. We have been doing necessary repairs to keep the systems working for so long and the system is quite old so it is only a matter of time until it becomes beyond repair. Funding this project will allow us to continue to provide access to the facility and truly helps so many local community groups that would have no other option for their activities.

Thank you for accepting this letter of support and for all your help and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William E Gleason

William Gleason, Chairman
STR Recreation Commission
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March 30, 2023

Borough of South Toms River
Attn: Mayor & Council
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**RE: Borough of South Toms River
Rec Building HVAC Upgrades
Letter of Support**

Dear Mayor & Council:

Van Cleef Engineering Associates (Van Cleef) has been working closely with the Borough of South Toms River representatives to initiate a project to upgrade the HVAC system at the Borough's Recreation Building/Community Center. The current HVAC system is beyond its life expectancy and is in need of replacement. As you are aware, this office has teamed up with an HVAC sub-consultant and together we have investigated the existing conditions of the system and prepared recommendations for the proposed upgrades.

Based on preliminary information received from the HVAC sub-consultant, it has been estimated that the complete replacement of the HVAC system could cost up to \$900,000. We understand this would be a significant burden on the Borough to the point that funding this project through capital funds would be impossible at this point in time. This office previously assisted the Borough obtain a \$75,000 grant through the DCA's Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) program, however, in reality, this is only a drop in the bucket.

Based on the technical information we have gathered, it is very evident that a significant amount of investment is needed to ensure the Borough's Rec Building continues to provide an adequate space for the multitude of different sports, recreation and community programs that rely on the use of this building. On behalf of Van Cleef, I fully support this project and am excited to learn there is consideration from the United States government to assist with some of the funding shortfalls.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this project in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC



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