

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

I write to follow up my request for a meeting, sent May 23, to discuss EPA's cancellation of a grant for Thomasville, Georgia, to build a new Federally-Qualified Health Clinic, install new wastewater infrastructure, upgrade homes for seniors, and construct a new shelter to protect residents during extreme weather.

In May, you stated under oath at the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing that you would "have no hesitation whatsoever to be able to have a follow-up conversation to the extent that... Senator Ossoff is interested to go through all of those individual details" of grants you have terminated. You added, "And it's possible that the issue that might be present on a particular request is something that can get fixed, that can get addressed."

Over a month later, I have not received follow up to my request for a meeting.

You have repeatedly stated the EPA's core mission is to protect human health and the environment, yet you cancelled a grant to build a new health center in an area that has experiences high levels of pollution with reported high rates of leukemia and pneumonia.

It is my hope and expectation that, given your promotion of the EPA's mission, you appreciate the dire need for these upgrades in Thomasville, and the pain your decision has caused.

It is critical that we meet as soon as possible to do right by the people of Thomasville.

It is time to live up to your own words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator