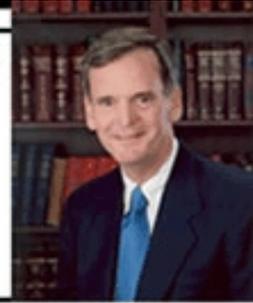


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## **GREGG MEETS WITH MAYOR DANDERSON, BERLIN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

BERLIN, N.H. -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today discussed ongoing federal assistance for several Berlin-based community initiatives with Berlin Mayor Bob Danderson, City Manager Patrick McQueen, and Public Works Director Jim Wheeler in a meeting at Berlin City Hall. These projects include an update on the possible construction of a federal prison in Berlin, the Water Works program, and a Department of Agriculture waiver that will allow Berlin to apply for millions of dollars in federal grants as a rural area. Through Fiscal Year 2003, Senator Gregg has provided \$8.5 million to help Berlin repair and replace water pipes throughout the City, as well as \$1 million for the construction of the Lancaster Street Water Tank, and \$20 million and logistical support for continued environmental assessment of the Berlin area for a possible prison site.

Senator Gregg stated, "Mayor Danderson and the entire City has seized a tremendous opportunity to continually improve the lives of its citizens through improvement programs. A federal prison in Berlin would provide a stable and consistent source of employment for the region, and I am continuing to work with the Bureau of Prisons to make the construction of a prison in the area a reality. The Water Works program is providing safe, reliable drinking water to residents and the Department of Agriculture waiver will give the City the flexibility to apply for millions in federal funding. These programs continue to bring economic development and a better standard of living to the area."

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