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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Colrain Sewer District Shared Wastewater Disposal System in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Colrain Sewer District (CSD) located at 55 Main Road, Colrain, MA 01340. The funding would be used to build a shared wastewater disposal system that services 25 low to moderate income households, plus one church, at a closed manufacturing facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without addressing the wastewater needs of the CSD, 25 low and moderate income housing units will not be habitable, and it will limit the potential reuse of one of the few commercial properties in this rural community. The dwellings represent 3% of the total number of housing units in the community. The loss of these units will be devastating to the residents and place greater strain on the region, which is already facing a housing crisis. Plus, allowing for the reuse of this commercial site is important to retaining it on the town's tax rolls.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress