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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 Main Street Demolition and Site Clearance in Athol in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Athol, located at 584 Main Street, Athol, MA 01331.

The funding would be used to demolish a vacant building located at 467 Main Street, Athol, MA, 01331, which is in severe disrepair, poses risks to public safety, and impedes local development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents an essential investment in eliminating blight, improving public infrastructure, and supporting local housing projects, in close alignment with the objectives of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern".

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress