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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 Green Fields Market in Greenfield, MA project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cooperative Development Institute. The funding would be used to renovate the historic Wilson's Department Store. This derelict building has been vacant since 2020 and occupies nearly an entire city block in downtown Greenfield. The Green Fields Market cooperative expansion will create a modern market that supports local farmers and will provide 65 affordable housing units in the upper levels of the building.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)).

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

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern Member of Congress

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