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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 Olympia Drive Reconstruction and Water Service Upgrades in Amherst project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Amherst located at 4 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, MA 01002. The funding would be used to install approximately 2,500 linear feet of upgraded water service to support the reconstruction of an apartment building destroyed in a fire that displaced 236 tenants, as well as an additional apartment building under construction. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because water supply constraints were identified as a significant safety concern and upgraded service will be necessary for future development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress