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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C.
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the 1888 Building Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Deerfield, located at Conway Street, South Deerfield, MA 01373. The funding would be used to rehabilitate the 1888 Building, a 135-year-old three-story brick former grammar school built in the Victorian Gothic style, and repurpose it as Town Municipal Offices.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because renovating this building is the cornerstone of Deerfield's plan to develop a Net-Zero Municipal-Residential Campus on 7.5 acres in the Downtown. This renovation would simultaneously save a vacant building of historic value, providing functional, energy-smart facilities, and would benefit residents in Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately, and spur economic redevelopment for the region.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress