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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 Town of Amherst Shelter and Supportive Housing in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Amherst, located at 4 Boltwood Ave, Amherst, MA 01002. The funding would be used to design and construct a 35-bed shelter for people experiencing homelessness, with 25-30 affordable, supportive housing units in the upper levels of the building. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because like many communities in Massachusetts, Amherst is experiencing a housing crisis that includes a lack of shelter space and permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. Currently, Amherst does not have a permanent space for sheltering and few units of supportive housing. This project would provide both.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(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