April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Spencer Fiber Optic Network Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Spencer, located at 157 Main Street, Spencer MA 01562. The funding would be used to connect through a fiber network seventeen municipal, educational, community television, emergency services, and emergency communications facilities to enhance interconnectivity, community communications, emergency communications, information security, and reliability of the communications network. This project will be the backhaul of the town’s emergency communication system, allow for greater speed and reliability in communications, and through a partnership with the Spencer Cable Access Commission reach more people through more avenues of communication rather than just the cable TV PEG channels. The fiber optic facilities, new emergency radios, telephones, and all the devices to connect the system together are included in the project. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress