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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Water Street Gateway Corridor Sidewalk and Lighting Replacement Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fitchburg, located at 718 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420. The funding would be used to install new sidewalks and lighting along Water Street, a gateway corridor from the highway to Downtown Fitchburg. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the deteriorating concrete and asphalt sidewalks along this road require replacement and ADA-compliance to ensure pedestrian safety. It is critical that Water Street has the infrastructure necessary to support walkability so that all members of the community are able to access small businesses and attractions downtown. Improvement to this pedestrian infrastructure will contribute to the commercial and residential redevelopment of the corridor, fostering economic prosperity in Downtown Fitchburg.

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

Sincerely,

Lori Trahan  
Member of Congress