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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Williamstown Meetinghouse Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Williamstown Meetinghouse Preservation Fund, Inc., located at 73 Water Street Williamstown, MA 01267. The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of the Meetinghouse in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Meetinghouse provides community services to over ten community organizations, including youth job training, senior center activities, and a commercial kitchen used to local food security. The Meetinghouse is in desperate need of repairs, including a failing roof, and upgrading ADA accessibility. Funding for this project would address these issues and expand the use of this community center.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

Pursuant to House rule XXIII, clause 17, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Neal Member of Congress