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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 10, 2023

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Willow Street Bridge project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Lee, located at 32 Main St, Lee, MA 01238. The funding would be used installation of prefabricated trusses that would allow the bridge to be reopened quickly and efficiently.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the bridge is a critical piece of infrastructure, connecting Onyx Specialty Papers to Route 102. Currently, the structure is closed to vehicular traffic, with a narrow path, with traffic to and from Onyx is utilizing a detour through residential neighborhoods that is expensive, inconvenient, and unsuitable as a long-term solution.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard E. Neal".

Richard E. Neal  
Member of Congress

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