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

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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 Renovation of Vacant Farr Alpaca Mill Buildings project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Holyoke, located at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Suite 406, Holyoke, MA 01040. The funding would be used for the historic preservation of these vacant mill buildings and the creation of 163 affordable homes.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this renovation will not only create new housing for lowincome residents but it will also generate hundreds of jobs and restore a blighted historical landmark, enhancing the City of Holyoke's vitality.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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,

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