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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

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Holyoke Farr Alpaca Mill Renovation project in fiscal year 2026. 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 low-income 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).

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