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

March 27, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa 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 Dan Casey Memorial Drive Culvert Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pittsfield, located at 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The funding would be used to address severe structural deficiencies along Dan Casey Memorial Drive, where deteriorating culverts have necessitated single-lane traffic restrictions and left the corridor vulnerable to frequent flood-related closures. This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as it preserves a public roadway critical for emergency access and neighborhood connectivity while addressing a significant safety risk that could otherwise result in catastrophic failure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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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