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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 Stabilization and Preservation of Old First Church project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Springfield, located at 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

The funding would be used comprehensive stabilization and repair of the Old First Church, including structural reinforcement, roof replacement, masonry repointing, and asbestos abatement. This project represents a strategic and responsible use of taxpayer funds by transforming an underutilized City-owned asset into a versatile, multipurpose space. This investment ensures the long-term viability of a historic site, positioning it to drive commerce, community activity, and civic utility as a permanent pillar of downtown Springfield.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,

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

Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

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