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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Stormwater Management for Healthy Rivers and Property Protection in Needham, MA, in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 1471 Highland Ave, Needham, MA 02492. The funding would be used for cost-effective stormwater best management practices (BMPs) to help protect private and Town property from the impacts of stormwater-related flooding and reduce the Town of Needham's phosphorous load entering the Charles River and its tributaries.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because, under the Small Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) federal permit, over the next twenty years, cities and towns in the Charles River watershed must reduce phosphorus discharges into the river. The installation of stormwater BMPs will be critical to ensure that Needham is able to meet these phosphorous requirements and support the restoration of the Charles River watershed.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Auchincloss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jake Auchincloss  
Member of Congress