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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for "Feasibility Study to Dredge Hopedale Pond and Daylight the Mill River for Community Resilience and Water Quality Improvements" in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Hopedale Town, located at 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747.

The funding would be used to perform a feasibility study to determine how dredging the Hopedale Pond may improve local community capacity for recreational activities as well as remove imported sediments to improve natural habitat and water quality. It also will include a comprehensive review of the potential to remove the significant-hazard dam and daylight the Mill River to potentially improve floodplain capacity, provide improved aquatic and terrestrial passage in the river, improve water quality through restoration of natural channels and banks, and provide recreational opportunities for the community of Hopedale.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
Member of Congress