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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
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Stormwater Management for Healthy Rivers and Climate Resilience for the Town of Needham in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Needham, located at 1471 Highland Ave, Needham, MA, 02492.

The funding would be used for small-scale, cost-effective stormwater best management practices (BMPs) to 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 Needham is subject to the Small Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) federal permit, which requires that pollutants in MS4 stormwater discharge be reduced to the maximum extent practicable. Needham is also subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirement for phosphorous and pathogens and has five 303d listed Category 5 Waterbodies which are impaired for turbidity, nutrients, organic enrichment, low dissolved oxygen, priority organics, noxious aquatic plants, among other impairments.

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,

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

Member of Congress