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Hon. Kay Granger, Chairwoman  
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Hon. Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

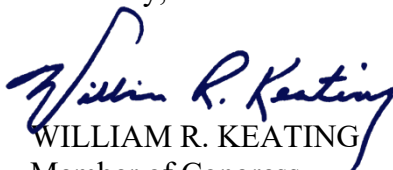
I am requesting funding for the **Westport Trunk Sewer and Water Project** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **The Town of Westport**, located at **816 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790**. The funding would be used to construct a trunk sewer phase in the vicinity of Route 6 in Westport, the largest community in eastern Massachusetts reliant solely on private septic systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it removes major sources of nitrogen contamination (septic and cesspools) in the Westport River, an EPA- designated watershed of the United States. Improved water quality in the Westport River, which flows to Buzzards Bay, creates a healthier and more sustainable Buzzards Bay, a critical South Coast natural resource. This would also provide clean water to North Westport, containing an environmental justice census block, where wells are demonstrating bacterial contaminations due to proximity to on-site wastewater facilities and are showing emerging evidence of PFAS contamination.

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,

  
WILLIAM R. KEATING  
Member of Congress