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Chairman Tom Cole  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cape Cod Coastal Community Composting Facility Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Barnstable County located at 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630. The funds for this project will be used to acquire property on Joint Base Cape Cod and build the infrastructure to process organic waste locally. This project is a result of a 2020 feasibility study with a cost-benefit analysis to evaluate long-term organic waste management options. The study recommended the development of a regional composting facility to address the environmental impacts and financial costs associated with landfilling and transporting organic waste. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce the volume of organic waste transported off Cape Cod, which will decrease truck traffic and improve regional air quality—environmental and public health benefits that disproportionately impact LMI populations. In addition, the project is expected to stabilize or reduce long-term municipal solid waste management costs, helping to mitigate financial burdens on residents, including those with limited incomes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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