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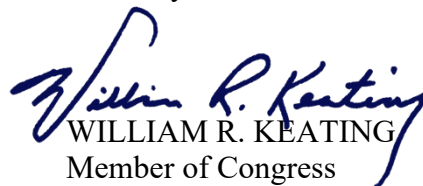
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the New Bedford Innovation District Parking Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New Bedford located at 572 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA. 02740. This project will demolish a deteriorated municipal building and construct a two-level public parking structure at 1204 Purchase Street, providing approximately 238 parking spaces, including ADA-accessible spaces. Located between downtown New Bedford, the working waterfront, and the Whale's Tooth MBTA Commuter Rail Station, the facility will support the rapidly growing Innovation District. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create the parking capacity necessary to allow construction of new housing units, including affordable units, and will support the economic growth of the City's innovation district.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4).

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