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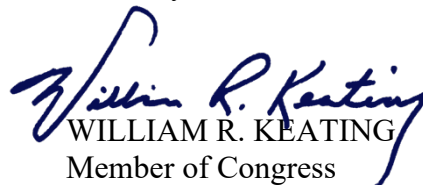
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Safety Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority located at 228 Palmer Ave, Falmouth, MA 02540. The funding would be used by the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority to upgrade and secure the Steamship Authority's existing parking lot revenue collection and access control systems to support seamless integration with the Authority's new cloud-based passenger and vehicle reservation platform. The project replaces outdated, unreliable equipment with modern, secure, and cloud-ready technologies that enhance operational efficiency, improve revenue accuracy, and provide a smoother, more reliable experience for the traveling public. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is essential to maintain the dependable, high-quality service for the millions of passengers and vehicles traveling between Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket each year who depend on the authority's essential ferry service, and for enabling the Authority to fully realize the benefits of its new reservation system.

This project has a federal nexus because funding provided is for the purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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