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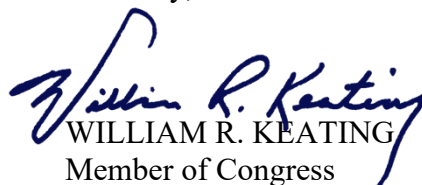
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bridgewater MBTA Platform Relocation Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Bridgewater located at 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324. The funding would be used to fund the pre-construction engineering and design of a planned and approved relocation of the Bridgewater Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Commuter Rail station to a new location in the Central Business District that will support transit-orientated development. The combination of new zoning and the relocation of the MBTA platform are critical to the economic revitalization of Bridgewater and will benefit, residents, students, visitors and businesses. Additionally, with the opening of the Cyber Security Range at Bridgewater State University which the Town also views as a catalyst for economic development, access to public transportation is benefit to employers and employees. The Town anticipates that new businesses will emerge as a result of the cyber security program at the University. The new location in the Central Business District will be acquired, owned, and operated by the MBTA but the cost of relocating the platform, including engineering signal changes and constructing the platform, is the responsibility of the Town. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit existing residents, as well as new residents that can occupy newly constructed housing units, as well as businesses that will be created or expanded by the increase of population in the Central Business District, and the Town foresees the project to be an economic catalyst both for the Town and the region resulting in job creation, new business opportunities and an expanded tax base.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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