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Chairman Tom Cole
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Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Steamship Authority Shuttle Bus Replacement project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority located at 228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth, MA 02540. The funding would be used to fund the replacement of diesel shuttle buses with 40-foot battery electric buses as part of the agency's phased conversion from diesel diesel-powered to battery electric in accordance with the agency's Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan and the Authority's goal to transition to an all-electric shuttle bus fleet by 2040. In replacing these vehicles, the agency, and the community can expect to see a reduction in energy consumption, harmful emissions, and direct carbon emissions from the Authority. The agency anticipates utilizing an existing contract (such as the State of Virginia) to place the order which will expedite the obligation process. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority is a public authority that serves as a lifeline to residents of Dukes and Nantucket counties. This project will lessen the environmental impact on the mainland communities of Barnstable and Falmouth, both of which contain Environmental Justice census tracts, that serve as points of disembarkation for residents, workers, and tourists traveling to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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