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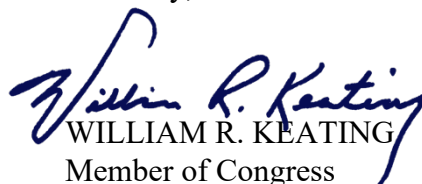
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Wareham Sewer Improvements Phase 2 project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Wareham located at 54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The funding would be used for This project involves improvements to the existing 1.56 mgd Water Pollution Control Facility including upgrades to the Headworks Facilities and additional Secondary Treatment Facilities. The Headworks Facilities is the most heavily used portion of the facility and significant rehabilitation is necessary, including replacement of the influent screen, grit system, and septage receiving system. The secondary treatment facility upgrades include two new final clarifiers and supporting equipment such as sludge and scum pumping and removal. The equipment is beyond its useful life and in need of upgrading. Upgrading these processes is critical to the continued functioning of the facility at its current treatment goals and will allow for further expansion of the collection system throughout Wareham and potentially bringing many failing septic systems into the centralized wastewater treatment system (as will be further defined through the finalization of the Town's New Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. This proposed project is the first necessary phase in upgrading the facility to be able to renew existing infrastructure, expand potential future capacity, and potentially remove additional nitrogen loadings that are currently impacting the coastal environment. The project will upgrade the existing processes to properly treat the facility's permitted flows and act as an intermediate step toward ultimately increasing treatment capacity. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because without this project there is a strong likelihood of a catastrophic failure which would impact approximately 60% of the Town's residential units, sole hospital, and the Town's industrial parks.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

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