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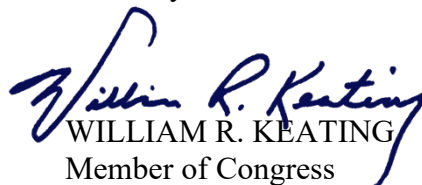
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Westport Trunk Water and Sewer - Sections 2 and 3 project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Westport located at 856 Main Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The funding would be used to construct trunk sewer phases in Westport, the largest community in eastern Massachusetts reliant solely on private septic systems. These phases of the project will be used to complete the remaining second and third sections of the Route 6 trunkline water and sewer project in Westport, MA, from Route 88 to the Town of Dartmouth. This is the critical linkage to provide sewer service and clean water to adjacent residential neighborhoods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it removes major sources of nitrogen contamination (septic and cesspools) in the Westport River, an EPA- designated watershed of the United States. Improved water quality in the Westport River, which flows to Buzzards Bay, creates a healthier and more sustainable Buzzards Bay, a critical South Coast natural resource. This would also provide clean water to North Westport, containing an environmental justice census block, where wells are demonstrating bacterial contaminations due to proximity to on-site wastewater facilities and are showing emerging evidence of PFAS contamination.

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