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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a new sea wall in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Weymouth, Massachusetts, located at 75 Middle Street East Weymouth, MA 02189. The funding would be used for the new, higher sea walls. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment in the infrastructure improvements on Fort Point Road will not only protect those homeowners located in this area but result in a better investment of public funds into a long-term infrastructure improvement, better expending resources and taxing public safety and emergency management resources less often. Nearly 100 homes will directly benefit from the investment in the Fort Point Road Seawall Project. More than 30 of these homes are in FEMA rated flood and wave impact zones. FEMA has already paid for 6 of these homes to be elevated. The Town has recorded repetitive losses for many of these properties and roadways totaling hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars. The new seawall and drainage infrastructure will save homeowners from costly repairs and the Town from infrastructure damages. Although it is sometimes difficult to quantify property damage, public safety is truly immeasurable. The Massachusetts Coastal Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment Report identified the Fort Point Road seawall as deserving "Immediate/Highest Priority" and said to "consider for immediate action due to public safety and welfare issues." As we increase climate resilience, this project will create resilient infrastructure that generates prevailing wage construction and support team jobs over the two-year anticipated timeline which in turn will boost the need for ancillary services for these workers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress