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The Honorable Kay Granger
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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 project to increase storm drain capacity in Norwood in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Nowood, located at 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062. The funding would be used for construction of a new drainage system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Meadowbrook Watershed comprises 967 acres (1.5 square miles) and includes all of Norwood Center, residential and commercial properties and, the Norwood Hospital. On June 28, 2020, a major rainfall event occurred in Norwood dumping 4.5 inches of rain within 90 minutes. The devastating effects of the storm resulted in the Town of Norwood declaring a State of Emergency. Over 300 homes were flooded out, many businesses were shut down and, the Norwood Hospital was evacuated and the building has been condemned. The Hospital serves not only Norwood but a large part of Norfolk County, straining regional Emergency Services capacity as ambulances have longer drives. In addition to protecting Norwood businesses, homes, and critical infrastructure, the plan will reduce flooding downstream of Norwood in the Neponset Watershed and provide better treatment of stormwater and improved water quality in a watershed with a TMDL through the proposed stormwater basins and daylighting of Meadow Brook.

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



Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress