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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting Community Project Funding for the Merrymount Parkway Bridge Replacement, Quincy, Norfolk County, MA, 8th District in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Quincy, located at 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169. The funding would be used for replacing the deteriorating Merrymount Parkway bridge over Blacks Creek in Quincy, MA to enhance safety and accessibility for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. Additionally, the project includes roadway improvements, upgraded traffic signals, and streetscape enhancements. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by upgrading infrastructure to accommodate motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists, the project not only ensures safer travel but also supports local businesses and attractions like the New England Free Jacks rugby team, fostering future economic growth and job creation. Specifically, the project aims to improve traffic flow by implementing modern traffic signalization systems, optimizing intersection design, and enhancing roadway capacity; enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Merrymount Parkway to promote community pride and foster a sense of place; and ensure accessibility and inclusivity by including ADA-compliant sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian amenities for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and families with strollers. Lastly, by enhancing infrastructure and improving connectivity, this initiative aims to attract new businesses, stimulate private investment, create job opportunities, and facilitate access to local amenities, recreational areas, and cultural attractions, further enhancing the quality of life for residents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 23 U.S.C.133(b).

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