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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 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 Weymouth Veterans Resource Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Weymouth, located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189. The funding would be used for restoring the abandoned historic Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building in Weymouth and repurpose it as a one-stop veterans resource center for veterans struggling with homelessness, food insecurity, substance abuse, and transitioning to civilian life. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will serve as a hub for providing comprehensive support services to the approximately 3,000 veterans in Weymouth who may be facing challenges such as transitioning to civilian life, mental health issues, homelessness, or accessing Chapter 155 benefits. Additionally, the resource center will be staffed by the Weymouth Veteran's Department and Veterans Service Officers who are specifically trained to help veterans in need and provide them with the correct resources. By restoring and repurposing the historic VFW hall, a significant community landmark will have a new purpose in helping veterans and their families access the resources they need.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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