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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 Walpole High School Transportation Improvement Plan, Walpole, MA, 8th District for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Walpole located at 135 School St., Walpole, MA 02081.

The funding would be used to reconstruct the parking and drop-off areas at Walpole High School to improve pedestrian and bus access. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the designed improvements will allow students and teachers to access areas in and around Walpole High School in a safer and more effective manner. As Walpole undertakes a larger renovation of the High School, parking for students is a challenge, resulting in students parking on secondary and tertiary roads, which often impedes access for fire equipment. The project aims to increase pedestrian connectivity and safety for students from nearby locations such as the Council on Aging, Clarks Pond, and the Center Public Swimming Pool.

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