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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

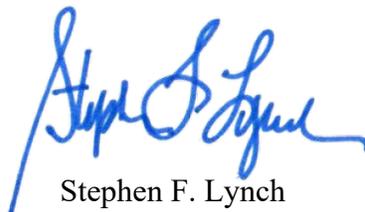
I am requesting Community Project Funding for the UMass Boston Salt Water Pump House Cooling Capacity Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston, located at 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation of the Saltwater Pump House cooling system which has provided sustainable and economic cooling support for as much as 50-percent of the UMass Boston Campus for over 50 years. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this resiliency project will increase the capacity of the saltwater pump house to meet current and future campus cooling needs that will benefit Boston's premier public university which serves nearly 16,000 students, 2,500 faculty and staff and is an anchor institution for all of Boston. The saltwater pump house uses ocean water in a heat transfer mode to provide cooling which is a more energy efficient approach than traditional cooling towers. As part of this project UMass Boston is also exploring reversing the thermal transfer and using the heat rejected from the current processes coupled with new equipment to also supply heat to the Campus which would allow the University to start retiring its four natural gas boilers. The rehabilitation and expansion will thus help to control costs for UMass Boston while also supporting its carbon emission reduction goals.

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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress