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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Mainspring: The Seacoast Social Services Collective in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fair Tide Inc., located at:

15 State Road
Kittery, ME 03904

The funding would be used to construct Mainspring, a social services hub in Kittery, Maine. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because construction of a social services hub will help bring individuals and families out of poverty by providing easy access to comprehensive programs and services in one centralized location, including a food pantry, affordable housing, and comprehensive case management. These services offer long-term stability and empower individuals to become engaged and contribute to the community. The hub will also relieve pressures on publicly funded entities, such as police and fire departments.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chellie Pingree".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress