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RELATED AGENCIES (RANKING MEMBER)

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES

March 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sewer Relocation for Goose River Bridge Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Rockport, located at:

Town of Rockport
101 Main Street
Rockport, Maine 04856

The funding would be used to support the mandated utility upgrade required by the Maine Department of Transportation in order to replace the Goose River Bridge. This includes removing the current sewer line, placing a temporary line outside of the construction zone, and, after bridge construction is complete, rerouting the sewer line as a free-standing structure under the bridge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this costly sewer relocation project, if borne completely by the wastewater district, would further increase the already high sewer user debt service and negatively impact affordable housing developments in the area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

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