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May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for South Thomaston Library and Community Center Construction in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary, located at:

South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary  
125 Spruce Heard Road  
South Thomaston, Maine 04858

The funding would be used to support building a new library and community center facility. The town's community center burned down in 1967 and has not been rebuilt, leaving the town without a gathering place. In addition, the town's former library was 500 square feet, and no longer meets the needs of the growing community. A new library and community center would provide a space big enough for town meetings and a library with space to house a children's room, a maker's space, a reading room, a small community meeting room, and more. These functions will allow the small village to honor literacy and foster town-wide cohesiveness.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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 that reads "Chellie R".

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress