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AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES

March 20, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Royal River Pump Station Upgrades Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Yarmouth, located at:

Town of Yarmouth
200 Main Street
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

The funding would be used to replace and expand the Royal River Pump station, which lacks sufficient functional capacity during peak conditions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because much of Yarmouth's wastewater system, including the Royal River Pump Station, is reaching the end of its useful life and is currently operating at capacity. There has already been one significant pump station failure, which released thousands of gallons of untreated sewage into the Royal River and Casco Bay, forcing the closure of local clam flats and disrupting marine-related economic activity. The risk of similar overflow events continues until the facility is replaced and expanded.

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", written over a horizontal line.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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