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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Avesta Housing Development Affordable Housing Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Avesta Housing Development Corporation, located at:

307 Cumberland Avenue  
Portland, ME 04101

The funding would be used to facilitate the acquisition costs associated with the new construction of a 30-unit Housing First development in Downtown Portland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help reduce chronic homelessness. Once formerly homeless individuals secure housing and support, data show that they spend less time in jail, interact less with the police, take fewer ambulance trips, and spend less time in the emergency room, reductions that result in taxpayer savings.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress