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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Mountainside Community Cooperative Sewer Extension in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cooperative Development Institute (CDI), located at:

PO Box 1051
Northampton, MA 01061-1051

The funding would be used to install and connect a sewer extension to an aging and failing subsurface wastewater disposal system at Mountainside Community Cooperative, a community-owned mobile home park in Camden, Maine that serves low to moderate income individuals aged 55 plus. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the sewer extension would support the preservation of the 52-unit affordable mobile home housing cooperative and ensure an ongoing tax base for the town and the state. Without the sewer extension, the homes are at risk of drinking water source contamination, which has the potential to deem all 52 units uninhabitable.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "Chellie R.", written in black ink.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress