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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) Flood Hazard and Risk Mitigation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is CIRCA at the University of Connecticut, located at 1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340. The funding would be used to implement locally supported risk reduction plans and to install flood sensors in communities at risk of flooding.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support community-developed resilience plans and improve flood detection to better inform hazard mitigation efforts in communities at risk of flood and severe infrastructure damage.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress