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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
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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 Town Clerk Vault and Records Preservation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Vernon, located at 14 Park Place, Vernon, CT 06066. The funding would be used to expand and update the Town Clerk's existing vault, creating secure, climate-controlled storage to safeguard records from moisture and temperature fluctuations and to align with best practices for municipal records management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure continued access to property, legal, and municipal records necessary for real estate transactions, business development, and infrastructure investment and prevent the need for more costly emergency recovery of damaged records.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 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,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress