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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fort Kent Public Works Garage Expansion Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Fort Kent, located at 416 West Main Street, Fort Kent, Maine, 04744. The funding would be used for the Fort Kent Public Works Department to expand its garage facilities to accommodate winter plowing equipment. The 6,800 square foot expansion project aims to provide additional space for storing and maintaining snowblowers, plows, salt spreaders, graders and other essential vehicles and machinery.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by expanding the garage, the department can protect its equipment from harsh weather conditions, prolonging its lifespan and ensuring reliable operation during winter emergencies. The project's success will not only benefit the Public Works Department but also the entire community. Improved equipment storage and maintenance facilities will enhance the department's ability to respond to winter weather events promptly, ensuring safer roads and improved mobility for residents and visitors alike. This will reduce equipment downtime and maintenance costs; the expansion will generate long-term cost savings for the town.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress