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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gorham Community Learning Center Expansion and Adaptive Reuse in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Gorham Community Learning Center, Inc. located at 123 Main Street, Gorham, NH 03581.

There is an acute child care shortage in Gorham and rural communities in northern New Hampshire. Building a new child care center is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help address the child care shortage in surrounding rural communities. The funding will enable the town to convert a vacant building on Main Street into a child care facility to provide child care for sixty more families. The new child care facility will also meet health and safety standards, improving the well-being of children. The project will have multiple secondary benefits, including helping parents participate in the workforce and adding a new, vibrant, community-oriented facility on Main Street.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann McLane Kuster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.