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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 Nashua Commuter Rail Extension Project Development in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Nashua located at 229 Main St, Nashua, NH 03060.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve public transportation options in New Hampshire's second-largest community and spur economic activity regionally. This project will help the city of Nashua advance plans to construct a commuter rail system that will integrate Nashua and the surrounding region into a larger regional transportation network. This proposed rail extension would diversify transportation options, linking southern New Hampshire with the population, employment, and commercial hubs of the Greater Boston area. This connection has become even more necessary following the establishment of the region as the ReGen Valley Tech Hub by the EDA, which is projected to bring 9,000 additional jobs to Southern NH over the next 5 years, substantially increasing congestion and the need for commuting solutions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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 that reads "Ann McLane Kuster".

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress