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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Carmel Dam Rehabilitation Phase II project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Kent, located at 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY, 10512. The funding would be used to improve capacity of the Lake Carmel Dam to mitigate any threat of Dam failure and resulting flooding in the area.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides funding for sustainable, cost-effective measures to provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals and property from storm events and flooding. These priorities closely align with the purposes of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lawler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Lawler" clearly legible.

Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress