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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester, Humane Law Enforcement in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester, located at 99 Victor Rd, Fairport, NY 14450.

The funding would be used to ensure they can meet the mounting need for their services by funding essential operations, including equipment, personnel, and staff time. They will acquire two additional humane law enforcement investigators and enhance emergency rescue services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Lollypop Farm's ability to expertly investigate animal crimes fills an extraordinary gap within the community, and beyond. They provide all-encompassing services for pet owners, including humane education programming, adoptions, animal cruelty investigations, veterinary services, a pet food pantry, animal behavior support, temporary boarding for pets whose families are in crisis, and much more. In 2023, they provided services for constituents in 40 of New York State's 62 counties. Lollypop Farm is an anchor of the Rochester community and is one of the five oldest nonprofits in the county.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress