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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Creating/Retaining jobs with Redevelopment of Former Fonda/Solo Manufacturing Site in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of St. Albans, Vermont located at 100 North Main St., St. Albans, Vermont, 05478.

The funding would be used for redevelopment of the last area available for an industrial site in the community. The Fonda/Solo site was a significant regional employer for decades, manufacturing various paper products. The use of the site declined in the 2000s, and it was eventually closed. Since then, the City of St. Albans and regional/State/federal partners have made significant investments in purchasing the site and remediating the environmental contamination so that the property may someday contribute once again to our local and regional economy. Located within an Opportunity Zone, the Fonda site is the last large commercial parcel (5 acres) available within the City limits. It has taken a decade of work to get the Fonda site ready for redevelopment. The City's plan for Fonda is to finish one last, significant round of site remediation and preparation, which will allow for three new commercial buildings; hopefully one being the new home for the U.S. Immigration Service Center that recently had to be closed due to water damage, amounting to a loss of nearly 1,000 jobs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Peter Welch
Member of Congress