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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for East Calais General Store in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is East Calais Community Trust located at 4520 VT Route 14, East Calais, Vermont, 05401

The funding would be used for The East Calais Community Trust seeks funding to restore the building that contains the East Calais general store and three apartments affordable to low-income households. ECCT will renovate the entire building to improve and retain the affordable housing resource, and reopen the store under a new operator.

- A national model for rural community development, the project will support the region by:
  - restoring a business with employment opportunities that brings a vibrant use in the heart of this historic district in an economically challenged area
  - providing a gathering spot that attracts people to the village center
  - preventing Calais from becoming a food desert
  - providing a market for local agricultural and artisan producers generating new tax revenue
  - providing much-needed affordable rental housing
  - inspiring the renovation of other historic structures that help preserve community
  - identity and attract new private and public investments.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Welch  
Member of Congress