

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Chair
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Governance
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Governance
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Hagerty and Ranking Member Reed:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Services and General Governance bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Thank you again for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



PETER WELCH
United States Senator

**Welch, Peter(D-VT) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Vermont Department of Economic Development	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance to help small businesses navigate the impact of tariffs on their companies.	Statewide VT	\$250
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board	Funding will be used to provide business technical assistance to new small farm businesses.	Statewide VT	\$1,610
Vermont Small Business Development Center	Funding will be used to create a statewide entrepreneurship education program for all Vermonters with a focus on students in Career and Technical (CTEs) high schools.	Statewide VT	\$487
Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance and establish best practices for small businesses in Vermont that support Vermont's maple syrup industry.	Statewide VT	\$471
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance to accelerate regional food business development.	Statewide VT	\$1,324
Lake Champlain Opportunity Fund	Funding will be used to provide technical assistance for small businesses in Vermont.	Statewide VT	\$100