

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 7, 2026

The Honorable John Hoeven
Chair
Subcommittee on Agricultural, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
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U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Hoeven and Ranking Member Shaheen:

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 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Welch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "W".

PETER WELCH
United States Senator

**Welch, Peter(D-VT) Agriculture
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Smokey House Center	Funding to support the development of a local community center.	Danby VT	\$798
Town of Hardwick	Funding to support the construction of a new Rescue Squad facility in Hardwick, VT.	Hardwick VT	\$1,300
Sage Mountain Botanical Sanctuary	Funding to support the pre-construction requirements for a childcare center in Orange, VT.	Orange VT	\$120
Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation	Funding to construct a childcare facility in Randolph, VT.	Randolph VT	\$350
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources - Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife	Funding to provide technical assistance to reduce black bear wildlife conflicts.	Statewide VT	\$464