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Community Preservation Committee
55 Main Street,
Westford, Massachusetts 01886

RE: First Parish Church United, 48 Main St, Westford, MA 01886

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the application by First Parish Church United of Westford for funding to advance the restoration and preservation of the historic 1794 meetinghouse located on Westford Common.

Constructed with town funds, the meetinghouse has long been a significant civic and historical landmark in Westford, serving for many years as a site for town meetings and public gatherings. Preserving this structure is important to the town's architectural heritage and history.

The conditions assessment completed by the Spencer Preservation Group identifies critical structural and safety issues typical of a building of this age. Addressing these concerns is necessary to stabilize the building, protect historic materials, and ensure safe public use.

In addition to its historic importance, the meetinghouse continues to provide public benefit through its use as a community space for Westford. During the construction projects for J.V Fletcher Library, the meeting house as served as a temporary home for the Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library operations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important project. I strongly encourage your support of this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Arciero'. The signature is stylized with a large 'J' and 'A'.

James Arciero
State Representative