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Branford Board of Selectmen
Branford Town Hall
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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Federally Funded Town Services, Positions, and Projects at Risk

Dear Members of the Branford Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to formally request information regarding any town services, programs, projects, or positions in Branford that receive full or partial funding from the federal government.

Various Executive Orders and policy changes at the federal level have led to the defunding or potential defunding of numerous programs across the country. Recent actions taken by President Donald Trump's administration may put much in Branford at risk. While much of the current public discourse is focused on the impact at the state level and on federally administered services, I am particularly interested in how these federal actions may affect Branford at the municipal level.

Specifically, I would like to know:

1. A list of town services, projects, and positions that rely on federal funding, either wholly or in part.
2. Any assessments that have been conducted to determine the potential risks posed by recent or anticipated federal funding cuts.
3. The extent to which Branford's public schools and education programs may be impacted by reductions in federal support.
4. Any contingency plans the town is developing to address potential shortfalls should federal funding be reduced or eliminated.

I recognize that many municipalities in Connecticut are conducting similar assessments to determine the scope of potential risks. Understanding what is at stake here in Branford will help inform residents and facilitate discussions on how best to prepare for any potential budgetary shortfalls or programmatic disruptions.

I would appreciate any documentation, reports, or insights you can provide on this matter. If a meeting or public discussion is planned regarding this issue, I would also appreciate notice so that I and other concerned residents can participate.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I look forward to your response and appreciate your efforts to ensure transparency and proactive planning for our town.

Sincerely,

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