

WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Representative John W. Olver announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded a \$55,000 grant to a new livestock processing facility in Massachusetts to help support the local economy.

"Currently, there are not enough USDA-certified slaughterhouses in Massachusetts to meet the demand for meat products. At present, there are only three USDA-certified slaughterhouses in Massachusetts. All of the meat produced in the state is shipped out of state. This new facility will mean more money for the local economy, in addition to a higher quality of meat products for the state. Olver lobbied the Department of Agriculture to help secure funding for the Cooperative Slaughterhouse in Massachusetts."

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