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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the work I am doing in Congress on behalf of the people of Wolcott.

On March 9, 2022, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to secure a line item that will help to keep first responders and community members in Wolcott safe. The Town of Wolcott Police, Fire, and Highway Departments and Wolcott Ambulance currently operate using an antiquated radio and dispatch system, which can no longer be serviced and is vulnerable to breakdown and disruption. Over the last year I worked closely with Chief Stephens, Mayor Dunn, and my colleagues in Congress to secure **\$3,200,000 for a Fixed Network Equipment Upgrade for the Wolcott Police Department**. These upgrades will help keep critical emergency communications online and operating.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, signed into law by President Biden, I was able to secure **\$4.9 million for the town of Wolcott** to support response and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds can be used to help support families and businesses, maintain vital public services, and build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity. These funds provide substantial flexibility for the Town of Wolcott to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Last July, I also helped secure **\$2,848 for the Wolcott Fire Department as part of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)** program through the Department of Homeland Security. This grant helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

In December 2020, I worked to secure **\$125,000 for the Wolcott Board of Education** to operate the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program by Wolcott Citizens Against Substance Abuse. This funding will help educate young people on the risks of alcohol, marijuana, prescription drug use, and tobacco – including e-cigarettes.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped secure over **\$420,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Wolcott** from the Internal Revenue Service and Department of the Treasury.

I will continue to work as hard as I can on behalf of my constituents in Wolcott and be a resource for all in need of federal assistance. If you have additional questions or need help from my office, please visit <https://hayes.house.gov/> or call (860) 223-8412.

It is my honor to serve you in the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress