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Dear Friend,

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

On March 9, 2021, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to secure a line item that will help to better serve the first responders providing emergency care, rescue and firefighting for Northfield residents in the Town of Litchfield. When the firehouse was built over ten years ago, a lack of funding left the entire second floor empty and non-accessible to the general public and firefighters. This space was designed to be used for training, meetings, gear storage and office space. Over the last year I have worked closely with Chief Butwell, First Selectman Raap, and my colleagues in Congress to secure **\$225,000 for the modernization of the Northfield Fire Department**. Completion of the project will allow first responders to better focus on their primary job of protecting the community.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$1.7 million back to the town of Litchfield** 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 Litchfield to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to bring **\$313,000 to Litchfield Public Schools** to address learning loss brought on by the pandemic and enhance preparedness of schools as they continue to respond to COVID-19.

In November, I helped to bring **\$55,039 for the Rebuilding Together Litchfield County from the USDA Rural Development agency**. This rural development investment will be used to support the rehabilitation of five housing units occupied by low income and disabled residents in Litchfield County.

Last September, I worked to acquire **\$86,190 for the Bantam Fire Company in Litchfield 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.

Last July, I helped secure over **\$214,000 for White Flower Farm in Litchfield, as part of the Rural Energy for American Program (REAP)** Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grant program. This funding will help the business make energy efficiency improvements and establish a renewable energy system.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over **\$107,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Litchfield** from the Internal Revenue Service and Department of the Treasury.

I will continue to work as hard as I can on your behalf and will 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,

Jahana Hayes  
Member of Congress

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