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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hamilton Park Pedestrian Safety and Streetscape Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Waterbury located at 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702. The funding would be used to narrow Hamilton Park Road from a two to one-way lane road that cuts through the recreational park. Additionally, funds would establish a new entrance gate at the East Main Street Entrance, a 25-car parking lot on Hamilton Park Road, as well as paved multi-use trails and physical/visual beautification upgrades. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide critically needed funding toward pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements within Hamilton Park, the City's largest park. The funding would also progress the City's next phase of ongoing investments in Hamilton Park, as the Park's Pool & Promenade, Stone House, and Wetlands are undergoing redevelopment. Hamilton Park is located within Waterbury's East End Neighborhood in census tract 3513, and parallels tract 3512. Tract 3513 has a population of 5,542 with 55% identifying as a person of color. This is a low-income neighborhood, with median household income nearly twice as low as the State's Average (\$48,471 vs. \$83,572). This project is a priority in order to ensure environmental justice, safety, and access to recreational opportunities. The City is taking bold steps toward ensuring park users accessibility and safety, simultaneously mitigating traffic congestion and accidents.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jahana Hayes".

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress