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March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Veterans Building HVAC Upgrade Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Torrington located at 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790. The funding would be used to upgrade the HVAC, boiler, and associated infrastructure at the Veterans Building.

The Veterans Building is a long-standing city-owned community asset used by local veterans, civic organizations, and residents for programs, meetings, and essential services. The HVAC and boiler systems are original, aging, and increasingly unreliable, posing risks to year-round operation and occupant comfort. Modernizing these systems is vital to maintaining safe, healthy, and energy-efficient conditions for the many residents and veterans who rely on this facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrades to the heating and cooling systems will enhance air quality, reduce energy consumption, and extend this essential building's useful life for the veteran community and the City of Torrington.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

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

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress