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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 Cornwall.

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 ensure West Cornwall Village's water and wastewater systems are modernized and able to support future revitalization. As you likely know, West Cornwall Village is an active commercial center atop a tight arrangement of property lines, septic systems, and drinking water wells. Some of these systems do not meet current health codes designed to protect surface water, groundwater, and the Housatonic River. Over the last year, I worked closely with First Selectman Ridgway and my colleagues in Congress to secure **\$3 million for a Wastewater Treatment Facility for West Cornwall Village**. These upgrades will help protect Cornwall's businesses, water systems, and the Housatonic River.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$403,000 back to the Town of Cornwall** 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 Cornwall to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to bring **\$18,000 to Cornwall Public Schools**. These funds helped the town safely reopen Cornwall schools for in-person instruction and address the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students' education and well-being.

Last May, I also helped win **\$14,183 in Renewable Energy For America grants** through the United States Department of Agriculture for Cornwall. These grants improve renewable energy infrastructure and help rural communities, agricultural producers, and businesses lower energy costs.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over **\$1,100 in casework refunds for my constituents in Cornwall** 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 Cornwall 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,

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress