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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 Newtown Teen Center Rehabilitation and Youth Programming Enhancement Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Newtown located at 8 Simpson Street Newtown, CT 06470. The funding would be used to rehabilitate and modernize the existing Teen Center facility.

The Teen Center is a historic community asset which provides a safe, supervised environment where teens can participate in recreational, educational, and social programming. This project would address necessary improvements throughout the building, including renovation of outdated restrooms, roof replacement, exterior siding repairs, flooring upgrades, window replacement, and improved accessibility to better meet ADA standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because renovating and improving the Teen Center would further strengthen the ability to serve the youth of the community, expand opportunities for engagement, and provide a safe and accessible place for teens to gather and participate in positive activities.

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