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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 Morris Affordable Housing Infrastructure in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Morris Housing Authority located at 109 East Street, Morris, CT 06763. The funding would provide the water, septic, and stormwater management infrastructure needed to build 10 new units of affordable rental housing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would increase access to affordable housing in an area in desperate need. The Morris Housing Authority recently acquired, with funding assistance from the town, a 2.3 acre parcel of land next to its existing 20 units of affordable senior housing. This new housing would not be limited to elderly or disabled tenants and would be available for all, including younger adults and families. Morris is a small rural town in Litchfield County, Connecticut with no public water or sewer infrastructure. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, 143 households in Morris are paying more than 50% of their income on housing costs, this is considered severely cost burdened.

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