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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 Newtown.

On March 9, 2022, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to obtain a line item that will help spur community development, restore blighted property, and mitigate environmental impact. Over the last year I worked closely with First Selectman Rosenthal and my colleagues in Congress to secure **\$480,000 for parking area construction at Fairfield Hills**. These upgrades will help filter the recharge to the sole source aquifer located on the former Fairfield Hills property and reduce potential thermal pollution into Deep Brook.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$8.2 million back to the town of Newtown** 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 Newtown to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to bring **\$1.17 million to Newtown Public Schools**. These funds helped the town safely reopen Newtown schools for in-person instruction and address the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student education and well-being.

In 2020, I worked to acquire **\$65,709 for Newtown Hook and Ladder** and **\$25,994 for Sandy Hook Fire Department as part of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)** program through the Department of Homeland Security. This grant helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over **\$142,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Newtown** 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 Newtown 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,

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Member of Congress