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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 Goshen Affordable Housing Drinking Water System Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Goshen Housing Trust located at 59 Torrington Road, Goshen, CT 06756. The funding would be used to improve the water system of the Goshen Housing and Marketplace. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the property is in the town center and has 18 residential apartments, 17 of which are income-restricted, and six commercial spaces in four separate buildings that serve tenants and support the local business economy. These 17 income-restricted apartments are the only designated affordable housing in this small, rural town. The property, like most of this rural area, is dependent upon its own well-based water supply and septic fields. To date funds have been obtained for the repairs and improvements required to the residential apartments and this work is well underway. One area where improvements are still needed is in the on-site water supply system that serves all of the residents and uses. The water system is operated as a Public Water Supply under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Regular testing and monitoring has determined that while the water is potable, it fails guideline chemistry criteria in several areas. The main components that are needed to correct this and ensure the long-term operation reliability and safety of the drinking water are installation of a new well, improvements in water storage, treatment, and distribution and an installation of an emergency backup generator. A generator is legally required to ensure a supply of water even when power fails.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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