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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 Torrington.

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 expand and improve animal control services for Torrington and the Northwest Hills region. The City of Torrington Municipal Animal Control Facility is currently understaffed and desperately in need of repair. Over the last year I worked closely with Mayor Carbone and my colleagues in Congress to deliver **\$1,100,000 to construct the Northwest Hills Regional Animal Control Facility**. This new facility will help keep our animals and our community safe.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$10 million back to the town of Torrington** 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. Of this funding, **\$150,000 went to the Northwest CT Arts Council** to help artists recover from the effects of the pandemic. These funds will provide substantial flexibility for the Town of Torrington to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to bring **\$6 million to Torrington Public Schools** to address learning loss brought on by the pandemic and enhance preparedness of schools as they continue to respond to COVID-19.

In August 2021, I was able to acquire **\$1,000,000 for the McCall Center for Behavioral Health**. McCall, together with a consortium of providers throughout the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force, was awarded this grant to develop their Community Opioid Response program.

In September 2021, I also worked to obtain **\$762,000 for the Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) of Greater Torrington**. This funding will expand center infrastructure and increase services for primary care and behavioral health into all the Torrington schools and provide services regardless of patients' ability to pay.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over **\$422,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Torrington** 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 Torrington 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.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress