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May 2, 2025

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 Southbury Public Library in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Southbury located at 501 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488. The funding would be used to repair the town's library after it was severely damaged during a historic flooding event in August 2024. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Southbury Public Library provides tremendous service to the town and surrounding communities. It is the heart of the town and provides shelter, companionship, education, arts and cultural events, and community outreach. The library has been closed and services have been interrupted since the storm.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jahana Hayes

Member of Congress