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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 New Britain.

On March 9, 2022, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to secure **\$350,000 that will go directly to the city of New Britain for remediation and demolition of the former Thomas Aquinas School Building**. The Thomas Aquinas School Building has been abandoned for years, and has been the subject of vandalism, illegal dumping, and costly fires. These funds will assist in demolishing the blighted structure, allowing for the construction of owner-occupied housing.

I was also able to include funding that will help to foster strong relationships between the New Britain police department and city youth. Over the last year, I have worked closely with Chief Chute, Mayor Stewart, and my colleagues in Congress to secure **\$15,000 for the New Britain Police Department Midnight Basketball Program**. The program serves 125 students weekly in the summer months, and helps to build critical relationships and trust between law enforcement and the community.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$56 million to the city of New Britain** 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 federal funds provide substantial flexibility for the city of New Britain to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under the American Rescue Plan Act, I worked to bring **\$52 million to New Britain Public Schools** to address learning loss brought on by the pandemic and enhance preparedness of schools as they continue to respond to COVID-19.

Last August, I also helped secure **\$28,571 for the New Britain Fire Department as part of the SAFER Grant** program through the Department of Homeland Security. This grant helps firefighters and volunteer firefighter organizations increase or maintain the number of firefighters available in our communities. The program also helps fire departments meet staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

In September, I helped to bring **\$5.6 million for the New Britain Housing Authority as a part of the Healthy Homes** program. The Healthy Homes Program helps mitigate housing-related hazards through lead safety and removal initiatives.

I remain fully committed to helping the people of New Britain navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over **\$653,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in New Britain** from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of the Treasury.

I will continue to work as hard as I can on behalf of the city of New Britain 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,

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress

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