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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 Underground Oil Tank Removal & Replacement in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New Fairfield Board of Education located at 3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812. The funding would be used to safely remove an oil tank located on school property and replace it with a modern tank and piping. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because underground oil tanks have a high risk of leaking. These leaks can affect the soil around the area, which can contaminate groundwater in the area or cause the soil to shift, leading to cracks in the foundation and walls that compromise the safety of the building and the occupants inside.

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