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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 Danbury Transit Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Danbury located at 155 Deer Hill Ave, Danbury, CT 06810. The funding would be used for co-locating the existing regional bus services and Metro-North train services at one location in downtown Danbury. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this co-location would provide increased and easy access to a variety of transportation modes which will increase mobility not only within the city but the entire region. A central transit center would provide seamless transit connections between existing services and modes of travel, for everyone in need, especially for the less fortunate residents of the city who rely on public transportation for all their needs due to a lack of opportunity to own a personal vehicle. Due to a concentration of foot traffic in this area, it would incentivize residential and mixed use development where resident have access to both modes of transit and places of employment thereby reducing vehicle dependence in the region. Finally, providing this infrastructure that will be adjacent to the existing train station will be vital to support reinstating rail service along the old train line which would enable direct service through the Southeast station in Putnam County, New York to Grand Central Terminal in New York City. The reinstatement of this service is made possible by \$2 million in Congressional Directed Spending.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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