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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 Southbury.

On March 9, 2022, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to secure \$444,946 for Town of Southbury Pedestrian Safety Improvements that will improve safety and walkability in the center of town. Specifically, the funds will enable the installation of pedestrian countdown signals and sidewalk ramp improvements around the Southbury Green, as well as the installation of a new sidewalk along the north side of Poverty Road to the Town Library. These improvements are crucial to pedestrian and non-motorist safety and help to address some of the factors that contributed to the 7 pedestrian and cyclist-involved crashes that have occurred near the Green since 2007.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought \$5.7 million back to the town of Southbury 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 funds provide substantial flexibility for the Town of Southbury to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to bring \$1.1 million to Regional School District 15. These funds helped the town safely reopen Southbury schools for in-person instruction and address the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student education and well-being.

I remain fully committed to helping you navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover \$48,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Southbury 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 Southbury 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