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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to provide an update on the work I am doing in Congress on behalf of the people of Waterbury.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought **\$75 million to the city of Waterbury** to support response and recovery from the COVID-19 and **\$90 million to Waterbury Public Schools** to address learning loss and enhance preparedness of schools. 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.

Last February, I also helped to obtain **\$115,000 for Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury as part of the NeighborWorks America** grant program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NeighborWorks America provides financial support, technical assistance, and training for community-based revitalization efforts and creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives, and strengthen their communities.

In July, I worked to secure **\$82,000 for Brass City Harvest in Waterbury through the Farm to School** grant program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These grants have helped connect students to agricultural education, and increased the purchase and consumption of locally grown fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. In December, I helped to bring back **\$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Warm Hands** program which will allow Waterbury to continue to work toward substance abuse treatment across the city.

I remain fully committed to helping the people of Waterbury navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share my office has recovered over **\$228,000 in casework refunds for Waterbury residents** from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and U.S. Department of the Treasury.

For Fiscal Year 2023, I have requested funding for several projects in Waterbury. I have asked the House Appropriations Committee to fund \$4,000,000 for the replacement and renovation of the Fulton Park pool and pool house; \$2,265,000 for the purchase of Chromebooks for Waterbury Public Schools; and \$171,200 to help the Waterbury Police Activity League (PAL) support the local community.

I will continue to work as hard as I can on behalf of the city of Waterbury and be a resource for all in need of federal assistance. If you have additional questions or need help from my office, please visit <u>https://hayes.house.gov/</u> or call (860) 223-8412.

It is my honor to serve my friends and neighbors in the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely, Jahana Haves

Member of Congress

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