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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 Avon.

On March 9, 2022, I helped pass the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Budget. In this budget, I was able to secure \$424,000 that will go directly to the town of Avon to support the replacement of 5,580 feet of sidewalk. Four public schools are located in the area and will be served by this crucial infrastructure investment. Additionally, the sidewalk repair will facilitate easier and safer access to the Sycamore Hills recreation complex, and link West Avon Road to the 4.8 miles of the Farmington Valley Greenway that runs through the town.

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law by President Biden, I advocated for state and local funding and brought \$5 million to the town of Avon 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 town of Avon to meet local needs and best serve our community.

Additionally, under ARPA, I worked to deliver \$711,000 to Avon 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 July, I also helped obtain \$10,483 for the Avon Fire Department as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program through the Department of Homeland Security. This grant helps firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

I remain fully committed to helping the people of Avon navigate federal agencies, and I am happy to share that my office helped recover over \$73,000 in casework refunds for my constituents in Avon 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 town of Avon 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