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Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Riverfront Park in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hartford, located at Hartford City Hall, 550 Main St., Hartford CT 06103.

The funding would be used to the support the development of Riverfront Recapture's 70-acre riverfront park in the north end of Hartford which will include a newly created cove, regional trail linking Hartford and Windsor Riverwalks, and 10-acre commercial development area. The plan to develop this property represents a transformational investment in the multimodal transportation system along the Connecticut River, will drive economic development, and improve the environment and community health in the underserved neighborhoods surrounding the project. The nine-acre cove will be home to Riverfront Recapture's new paddle sport and outdoors center, featuring rowing, kayaking, canoeing and standup paddle boarding. The park will support recreation, youth programs including STEM education, large scale community events and festivals. The newly developed trail will complete a seven-mile multi-modal public transportation system extending from South Windsor to Hartford with connections to East Hartford and Glastonbury. The newly created commercial development, park, and trail are directly adjacent to an Opportunity Zone.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John B. Larson