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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Streetscape Infrastructure Improvements to Downtown Main and Church Corners/Center Cemetery National Historic Districts project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of East Hartford located at 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. The funding would be used to replace 108 Downtown Main St streetlights with energy-efficient models to enhance safety, aesthetics & energy cost; and make other streetscape improvements to the Center Cemetery/Church Corners Historic District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the currently installed streetlights on Main Street are aging and are not energy efficient. Today's technological advancements have made it possible to recover the cost of the replacement in terms of energy savings. The project also has the potential to increase aesthetics and safety and save taxpayer funds. Additionally, funds will be used to refurbish/remodel/repair assets and infrastructure in the Downtown Main and Church Corners/Center Cemetery Historic Districts, including the Downtown Post Office and Raymond Library.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

OHN B. LARSON

Member of Congress