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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DE 20515-0701

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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 Hockanum Linear Park Trail Improvements 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 repair damaged trail sections, construct connectivity and accessibility improvements, and buy maintenance equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the trail is currently subject to significant annual flooding which rots existing wood elevated paths, piers, boardwalks and bridges. Future trail expansions between Hillside Road and Scotland Road and connectivity improvements will improve accessibility to the trail and add linkages in current on-road trail sections which connect to the Town's public parks. Purchase of maintenance equipment will increase safety and ensure the trail does not fall into such disrepair again.

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,

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JOHN B. LARSON Member of Congress