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Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$ 2,140,000 in funding for the Hartford and East Hartford flood control systems in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hartford at 550 Main St, Hartford CT.

The Army Corps originally constructed the Hartford and East Hartford levee systems after catastrophic flooding during the hurricanes of 1936 and 1938. For over 70 years, the levees have protected both of these communities from the risk of flooding; however, the Army Corps has identified serious deficiencies that will require significant repairs if these aging systems are going to hold up. On the Hartford side alone, the system protects a significant portion of the city's grand list including prime commercial, institutional, and residential real estate. Failure of the levees would jeopardize the I-84/I-91 interchange, the state's largest wastewater treatment plant, and other critical infrastructure for the region.

The City of Hartford will serve as the primary sponsor of a combined study that will examine both systems, in conjunction and agreement with the Town of East Hartford. The Hartford system is one of the most complex in New England, comprised of 7 miles of earthen embankments and floodwalls, 6 storm water pump stations, and over 5 miles of tunnels. It protects 25 percent of the city land, 20 percent of its grand list, and critical regional assets such as the South Meadows Wastewater Treatment Facility. Additionally, study is needed to investigate modifications to the existing East Hartford levee system. This system protects nearly 800 structures with a value of more than \$800,000,000 and a population of more than 6,000 that work and live in the area. A failure of the system could result in loss of life and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic losses.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John B. Larson".

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