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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 Wilson Garden Meadow Project project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Windsor located at 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095. Funding would be used for the planning and development of five parcels that lie between Sharshon Park in Windsor and Riverfront Recapture's Future Park on the Windsor/Hartford border.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it targets investment in one of Windsor's most economically distressed neighborhoods while leveraging public dollars to unlock long-term private and community benefits. The Wilson neighborhood is a designated Opportunity Zone with demonstrated needs, including aging housing stock, elevated vacancy rates, and higher-than-average health and economic challenges. Public investment in planning and predevelopment is critical to overcoming barriers that have historically prevented private sector investment in key parcels. By addressing site constraints such as wetlands, floodplain conditions, and outdated zoning, this funding reduces uncertainty and creates a clear pathway for redevelopment.

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,

JOHN B. LARSON
Member of Congress