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Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Hartford400 in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the iQuilt Partnership, located at Innovation Center, 24 Central Row, Hartford CT, 06103.

The funding would be used to create – in time for the Hartford Region’s 400th anniversary in 2035 – a Connecticut Valley and capital city which are more sustainable, prosperous, equitable, mobile, and vibrant. These infrastructure investments will:

- Reconfigure the central highway system to reduce congestion and re-open the riverfront to the entire city.
- Free up more than 140 acres of highway footprint for reinvesting in historically Black, Latino and working-class communities previously cut off by interstate highways.
- Expand rail, bus, bike and pedestrian options to reduce auto-dependency
- Foster new and affordable housing at higher densities, sustainably clustered around transit stops and stations
- Expand and connect historic parks and new public space amenities
- Leverage the region’s geographic advantages at the economic, educational, and natural crossroads of New England to attract new residents, businesses, and investment
- Leverage the capital city’s post-pandemic advantages as a highly livable mid-size city surrounded by nature – ideal for hybrid home/office working in Hartford, Boston or New York

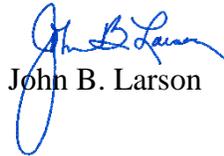
In order to advance all of these projects, Hartford 400 seeks funds for one year, from October 1, 2021, to perform the following tasks:

- Increase community participation and partnerships
- Create a sequencing plan for the major highway and infrastructure projects
- Develop preliminary engineering concepts for 6 river bridges (3 new, 3 transformed)
- Produce a master plan for the 14-mile Hartline park corridor (incl. I-891 tunnel)
- Advance the engineering and urban design studies for River Road (incl. capping I-91)
- Advance engineering and urban design studies for MidTown (incl. Rte 2 tunnel)

- Develop, implement and sustain a community engagement, communications and feedback process to address questions, comments and ideas that can be incorporated into the plan to make sure that all constituents have a voice.

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

Sincerely,



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