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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
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Ranking Member Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,


I am requesting funding for Norwalk Public Schools to undertake the K-12 Marine Science Pathway Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Elementary and Secondary Education Innovation and Improvement account under the Department of Education. The entity to receive funding for this project is Norwalk Public Schools (NPS), located at 125 East Avenue, Norwalk CT, 06852.

Norwalk Public Schools is seeking \$1,323,660 for the creation of a new K-12 Marine Science Pathway for Norwalk students. Working together, NPS and The Maritime Aquarium (TMA) will create a sustained, relevant and motivating program that will deliver on core STEM educational goals while training children from a broad demographic mix, especially from lower-income families, to be better prepared to secure good, well-paying jobs in a critical sector of the local economy.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide hundreds of students in a Title 1 district with a unique course of study that leverages local resources and expertise to drive achievement across the curriculum. Experiences in the classroom, at the Aquarium and aboard its vessel, on local beaches, shoreline sites, and riverbanks, will not only engage students as never before but will also promote pride in the underappreciated resources of Norwalk and Long Island Sound. Norwalk's K-12 Marine Science Pathway will provide a national model for educational success.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JIM HIMES
Member of Congress

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