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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro H-307 The Capitol First St SE Washington, DC 20515 Ranking Member Kay Granger 1036 Longworth House Office Building 1 Independence Ave SE Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Norwalk Citywide Sidewalk Program in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Local Transportation Priorities account under the Department of Transportation. The entity to receive funding for the project is the City of Norwalk, located at 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851.

The City of Norwalk is seeking \$1.4 million for construction of approximately 3 miles of sidewalks alongside West Rocks Road and France Street.

This investment will result in significant equity and safety benefits in Norwalk. West Rocks Road and France Street are minor arterial roadways connecting State Route 1 to State Route 7 and currently lack an adequate and accessible sidewalk. The limited sections of sidewalk that do exist were requirements of recent developments, and the City of Norwalk does not have the resources currently to ensure the entire stretch of road has sidewalks. The area is also highly residential, with four schools and three places of worship in the corridor. Additionally, these roadways have a combined total of eight Norwalk Transit Stops which are difficult to access without sidewalks.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would result in improved safety and usability of West Rocks Road and France Street. The project is eligible for funding under Title 23.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress