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Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
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Ranking Member Kay Granger
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

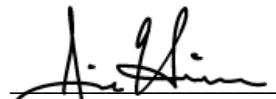
I am requesting funding for the Branchville-Georgetown Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Study in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account under the Environmental Protection Agency. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, located at 1 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482.

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments is seeking \$200,000 to develop sanitary sewer infrastructure serving the Branchville and Georgetown sections of the Towns of Ridgefield and Redding, respectively. An engineering feasibility study is required to facilitate this work and is the subject of this request. The proposed sewer infrastructure would allow Branchville to utilize available capacity at the Georgetown Waste Treatment Plant. This infrastructure is crucial to Transit-Oriented Development planning adjacent to the Danbury Branch of the Metro-North Railroad.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because development in the Branchville section of Ridgefield and in the Georgetown section of Redding require modern wastewater treatment. Without adequate sewer capacity, neither area can develop to full potential nor make the best use of passenger rail services adjacent to the area.

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