Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Wilton to undertake the Wilton High School Sports Complex Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Wilton, located at 238 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

The Town of Wilton is seeking $1,425,000 to enhance the storm sewer system surrounding the stadium turf at the Wilton High School Sports Complex. The Sports Complex is adjacent to an intermittent stream, and the existing drainage system can only mitigate a 2-year and 5-year storm event. Upgrading the storm sewer system would make it capable of handling a 100-year storm impact. The proposed improvements include installing rip rap and a berm along the incoming stream and installing a 48-inch pipe from the incoming stream to the existing downstream pond.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the drainage system around a public sports complex, thereby protecting the area from storm events and minimizing future damage expenses. Funding the project would enable the complex to continue to serve as the center for the community to gather and support the health and fitness needs of the town’s residents, particularly students.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Himes
Member of Congress