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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wheeler Library Renovation and Restoration in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wheeler School & Library of North Stonington, Inc., located at 101 Main Street, North Stonington, CT 06359. The funding would be used for repairing aging infrastructure and providing accessibility for all patrons. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is allowing the library and library collections to be available to any person who wishes to enter the building. Currently, the building is not ADA-compliant and so a number of patrons cannot have access to the building due to the lack of ADA-compliance infrastructure.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress