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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Rehabilitation of the Rockville Public Library in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Vernon, located at 14 Park Place, Vernon CT 06066. The census-designated area of Rockville is a community within the Town of Vernon. The location of the project is at 52 Union Street, Vernon CT 06066.

The funding would be used for rehabilitation of the stairs of the Rockville Library. This request is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will enable improved access to existing town resources and contribute to the revitalization of an economically underserved region. With this grant, the Town will acquire the necessary funds to rehabilitate and construct the monumental granite stairs and wing walls on the south side of the library, which are currently unsafe due to deterioration, preventing visitors from accessing the library. The scope of work and funds required to appropriately rehabilitate and restore the library monumental granite stairs to satisfactory standards are outside the Town's financial ability without federal assistance.

The rehabilitation of this structure will benefit not only the residents of Vernon but also the library's visitors from throughout the region. The rehabilitated stairs will make the library safer by reopening the south entrance and providing a safe egress through the front door. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code § 5305 (a)(4), 42 U.S. Code § 5305 (a)(5) and 42 U.S. Code § 5305 (a)(2).

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