April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for completion of town hall upgrades in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the town of Fair Haven located at 5 North Park Place, Fair Haven, VT 05757.

The funding would be used to renovate and revitalize the top floor of the Fair Haven town hall, transforming it from an equipment storage unit into an events hall, Historical Society space, and community center. The plan involves the installation of an elevator, ADA compliant restrooms on the second floor, fire suppression system and fire escape, cold climate heat pump, and modern boiler; as well as electrical and plumbing work to facilitate these changes, and associated general construction and masonry work.

This project aims to create a “third place” – a place where people spend time between home and work – for relationship and community building and learning in the town. The project will improve quality of life by creating more gathering space for social groups, expanding access to local historical artifacts through local displays, and connecting this new space to the Town Green, thus improving walkability. It also aims to provide economic benefits by making the town’s downtown more attractive for visitors to stop, recreate and shop.

This project has been in the works for several years, with strong support from the town and the community. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic and inflation have put many of the town hall's
needs out of reach for the foreseeable future. This funding would bridge that gap and enable the town to finally complete this plan.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Peter Welch
Member of Congress