University of New Haven Community Project Funding – Canal Dock

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.
In addition, your critical leadership on so many fronts to advance enlightened and progressive policies is an inspiration to the nation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-641-3098 or email me at mmlooney@sbcglobal.net if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

With best wishes,

[Signature]

Martin M. Looney

Senate President ProTempore
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Best regards,

[Signature]

State Representative Toni Walker, 93rd District
April 1, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Murphy
United States Senate
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, and Representative DeLauro:

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Additionally, the project will address years of neglected climate threats that resulted in storm surge and flooding of Long Wharf. This project includes planning for disaster resilience and sustainability and environmentally-sound development.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and for considering this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-937-3510 or email me at NRossi@westhaven-ct.gov if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

Nancy R. Rossi
Mayor
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
United States House of Representatives
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Serving as the Director of Emergency Operations, a graduate of the University of New Haven, and now Adjunct Professor at the university, it is easy to see the great work and partnerships the university has built over the years, and some of the best public safety programs in the country. I appreciate your leadership in instituting the Community Project Funding process through the Appropriations Committee to fund important projects in communities throughout the country. UNH’s Canal Dock project is a prime example and ideal candidate for consideration in this important process. If funded, the project will transform, revitalize, and enrich our local community.

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Additionally, the project will address years of neglected climate threats resulting in storm surge and flooding that has impacted our critical infrastructure along Long Wharf, the Port of New Haven, and into the railway area. Strengthening our disaster resilience has been a major concern for so many years and this can certainly provide a significant level of protection.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 410-0543 or email me at rfontana@newhavenct.gov if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Respectfully yours,

Rick Fontana
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-623-0892 for email me at marinegen@aol.com if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

John Izzo

[Signature]

NEW HAVEN HARBOR MASTER
April 1, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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As you may know, UNH’s Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock is a major component of the City of New Haven’s Long Wharf and Coastal Resiliency efforts. I have been informed that it is critically needed for both economic revitalization and the restoration and preservation of the harbor’s environmental integrity. I am also aware that it will enable completion of a fully functioning Canal Boathouse - I love this building and see its potential - as a state-of-the-art marine facility, and be accessible to people through programs conducted by UNH’s renowned Marine and Environment Program.

My specific and personal interest in this Project is in how it will expand educational opportunities and public programming for youth, with a particular emphasis on K-12 students, teachers and members of the New Haven community.

If funded, my hope is that it will transform, revitalize, and enrich our local community from one that creates opportunities to learn about, pursue careers in marine and environmental sciences and translate the words about social, economic, health-related injustices into actions that promote and increase structural equity, inclusion and justice.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203.777.7848 for email at bgrubbs@ccahelping.org if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Warmest regards,

Rev. Bonita Grubbs  
Executive Director
Dear Representative DeLauro:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-772-1270 or email me at aforrester@cliffordbeers.org if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,
April 7, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven is committed to supporting efforts, like this project, that improve the environmental quality of the Quinnipiac River and New Haven Harbor and their watersheds through our Quinnipiac River Fund. Over the
past 28 years, UNH has been awarded $372K from our Fund and has exhibited the expertise and ability to execute successful projects that positively impact the health of the waterbodies. The amount requested is beyond the capacity of our Fund. Securing the Community Project Funding will increase the access to the state of art facility, Canal Boathouse, and the surrounding waters, which will influence the knowledge and the caretaking of these critical resources.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at sfabish@cfgnh.org if you would like to further discuss our strong support of this project.

Best regards,

Sarah Fabish
Vice President of Grants and Scholarships
April 5, 2021

Dear Representative DeLauro,

We, the Greater New Haven Green Fund, support the University of New Haven’s (UNH) request of $2 million for Community Project Funding for its Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock – City of New Haven Project through the FY22 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies in the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

The Greater New Haven Green Fund promotes environmental quality, public health and equity in our community by providing grants and other incentives that contribute to a more environmentally sustainable future and reduce air, water and land pollution. We seek to engage and empower citizens and organizations to help create clean, healthy and environmentally sustainable communities.

Since 2011 we have awarded over $450,000 to community organizations that meet our mission through a competitive application process. A significant portion of those awards support k-12 environmental education such as using place based education in a local marsh for train the teachers program, engaging students in creating bioswales, subsidizing low to moderate income students to attend the Schooner Summer Camp for students to learn about marine life while also learning how to sail and teaching student interns how to sample water for pollution that the State of CT can use to supplement their data collection on the health of local waters. We also awarded a grant for citizen science projects to measure mercury caught in local fish and airborne mercury from the sewage sludge incinerator located on our harbor.

The Canal Dock offers an ideal place for students to learn about the marine life in our harbor and for the university to conduct research on local issues affecting Long Island Sound. New Haven used to have a plentiful oyster population. Despite the nearby freeway and port authority the harbor does support marine invertebrates and fish. Many of our residents fish for subsistence. None of our regional universities are located directly on the water. The Canal Dock offers such an opportunity for the University of New Haven and should be supported financially. They have planned for building laboratory space in the Canal Dock for several years and are just asking for financial support to help them complete their plans.

I ask that you support this request.

Thank you,
/Lynne Bonnett/
President, Greater New Haven Green Fund
www.gnhgreenfund.org
info@gnhgreenfund.org
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
April 6, 2021

Dear Representative DeLauro:

Save the Sound writes in strong support of the University of New Haven’s (UNH) Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock. This project is proposed through the FY22 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies and if funded, will transform, revitalize, and enrich our local community.

We deeply appreciate your ongoing efforts on behalf of Long Island Sound, and Connecticut’s environment. And we thank you for your leadership in instituting the Community Project Funding process to ensure great projects like the Marine Education Center will be supported in communities country-wide.

As you know, UNH’s Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock is a major component of the City of New Haven’s Long Wharf and Coastal Resiliency efforts. Not only will the city’s work restore the harbor’s environmental integrity, it will provide economic revitalization and opportunity.

If funded this project will produce a state-of-the-art marine and environmental educational facility accessible to the public while highlighting UNH’s renowned Marine and Environment Program—which we hope will connect Connecticut residents, K-12 to adults, with their natural world. We have witnessed firsthand that these types of opportunities result deeper commitments to personal and social action to protect our regional environmental resources.

Resilience for the coastal and inland communities of the state are a top priority for Save the Sound. As you can see from our recent project report Nature-Based Community Resilience Solutions,¹ the Long Wharf area is highlighted as a critical project. This UNH project will help address years of neglected climate threats resulting in storm surge and flooding impacting the Long Wharf by planning for disaster resilience and sustainable and environmentally-sound development.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at lschmalz@savethesound.org if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

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Leah Lopez Schmalz
Chief Program Officer
Save the Sound
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
April 5, 2021

Dear Representative DeLauro:

The West River Watershed Coalition (WRWC) writes in strong support of the University of New Haven’s (UNH) request of $2 million for Community Project Funding for its Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock – City of New Haven Project through the FY22 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies in the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

The WRWC is represented by 40 partners in the Greater New Haven region working together for clean, accessible water in the watershed, from the West River’s source to the Long Island Sound. The University of New Haven is one of our partners in this on-going dynamic endeavor.

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Thank you for your leadership and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Best regards,

Stephanie FitzGerald for the Steering Committee  
West River Watershed Coalition
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
United States House of Representatives
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
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April 7, 2021

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This is an exciting venture in which the university and the City will jointly restore and preserve the harbor’s environmental integrity. Additionally, by planning for disaster resilience and sustainable and environmentally-sound development, this project will address years of neglected climate threats such as storm surge and flooding that has impacted Long Wharf.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 867-4030 for email me at bvillano@workforcealliance.biz if you would like to further discuss my support of this project.

Best regards,

[Signature]

William P. Villano
President & CEO

Delivering Employment Solutions
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
United States House of Representatives  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 680-8060 for email me at brent@gathernewhaven.org if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

Brent Peterkin

Executive Director, Gather New Haven
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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As you are aware the students and staff at the Sound School Regional Aquaculture Center are deeply invested in Long Island Sound. We look forward to once again partnering with UNH to explore and investigate this watershed. We believe that the UNH presence at the Canal Dock facility will not only enhance student led investigations at the high school level but will also promote our students’ successful transition into their post-secondary educations.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 287-1541 or email me at john.roy@new-haven.k12.ct.us if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

[Signature]

John Roy - Aquaculture Educator - Grant Facilitator

[Signature]

Marc Potocsky - Principal
April 7, 2021

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 475-220-1734 or email me at GEMMAJOSEPHLUMPKIN@new-haven.k12.ct.us if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Best regards,

Gemma Joseph Lumpkin
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Chief of Youth, Family and Community Engagement
April 6, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
United States House of Representatives
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DeLauro:

I write in strong support of the University of New Haven’s (UNH) request of $2 million for Community Project Funding for its Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock – City of New Haven Project through the FY22 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies in the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account.

I appreciate your leadership in instituting the Community Project Funding process through the Appropriations Committee to fund important projects in communities throughout the country. UNH’s Canal Dock project is a prime example and ideal candidate for consideration in this important process. If funded, the project will transform, revitalize, and enrich our local community.

As you know, UNH’s Community Marine Education Center at Canal Dock is a major component of the City of New Haven’s Long Wharf and Coastal Resiliency efforts critically needed for both economic revitalization as well as restoring and preserving the harbor’s environmental integrity. The project will enable completion of a fully functioning Canal Boathouse as a state-of-the-art marine and environmental educational facility accessible to the public through programs conducted by UNH’s renowned Marine and Environment Program. The finished project will enable educational and public programming focused on marine and environmental sciences accessible to all in the City of New Haven, with a particular emphasis on K-12 students and teachers.

Additionally, the project will address years of neglected climate threats resulting in storm surge and flooding impacting the Long Wharf by planning for disaster resilience and sustainable and environmentally-sound development.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your strong consideration of including this project for funding through the Community Project Funding process established by your committee.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-401-6720 or email me at lbingaman@rwater.com if you would like to further discuss my strong support of this project.

Warm regards,

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President & CEO

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