



# City of Hartford \* County of Van Buren \* State of Michigan

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**TO:** Mayor Hall and the Hartford City Commissioners

**FROM:** Nicol Brown, City Manager

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**RE:** **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATOR PETERS CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING APPLICATION**

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**ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

The item before the Commission is to support the City of Hartford's application submission of Senator Peters's Congressionally Directed Spending application.

**DISCUSSION:**

U.S. Senator Gary Peters has served on the Senate Appropriations Committee for several years. He is currently facilitating a process for Michigan stakeholders to submit requests for consideration as Congressionally Directed Spending items for Fiscal Year 2026. The city of Hartford is applying for this funding to support water main replacement, storm sewer improvements, roadway reconstruction, and sidewalk construction. Specifically, the city is requesting the reconstruction of several roads.

S. Maple Street from Beechwood Street to W. Main Street  
Franklin Street from Beechwood Street to W. Main Street  
W. Elmwood Street from the RR to S. Center Street  
Heywood Street from the south City Limits to W. Bernard Street  
Mechanic Street / W. Shepard Street from Pleasant Street to W. Main Street

Direct spending will be a valuable resource for the city, especially given our limited resources and low tax base. The city faces challenges in maintaining its infrastructure and providing necessary capital improvements to serve residents effectively. The aging infrastructure in the neighborhoods increases maintenance costs and decreases reliability.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Hartford City Commission supports the City of Hartford's application submission of Senator Peters's Congressionally Directed Spending application.