

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I am requesting funding for the Great Miami River (GMR) Recreation Connectivity Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Troy, Ohio, located at 100 S. Market St., Troy, Ohio, 45373. The funding would be used for multiple quality of life improvements to the Great Miami River Corridor and Downton Troy. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements will provide a complete recreation linkage along the Great Miami River Corridor and Downtown Troy for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The low head dam removal efforts will have obvious ramifications to human safety, and will set the stage for greater recreational usage and indirect economic benefits for the City. Lastly, the fruition of this project will be a game changer for the low- and moderate-income neighborhood on the southeast side of Troy who will have after the completion of this project a direct linkage to the Great Miami River and Troy's recreational amenities, as well as, the economic development benefits that will be spurred by this project in their community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely

Mike Carey Member of Congress