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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Four Lakes Restoration - Edenville Dam Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Four Lakes Task Force, located at 233 East Larkin Street, Suite 2, Midland, MI 48640. The funding would install physical equipment that is necessary for the long-term operations and monitoring of the Edenville dam. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help the dam recover from the catastrophic dam failure that occurred in May 2020, which sent billions of cubic feet of water flowing down river and caused millions of dollars in damage. This dam failure received a federal disaster declaration in July 2020.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN MOOLENAAR Member of Congress

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