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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Scenic Drive Non-Motorized Pathway in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fruitland Township, located at 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall, Michigan, 49461. The funding would be used to construct an approximately 5.85-mile-long, 10-foot-wide shared-use non-motorized recreational pathway though an existing historical scenic corridor along North Scenic Drive, which will enhance the scenic corridor, provide recreational opportunities to residents and visitors, and improve non-motorized connectivity of existing recreation features including Duck Lake State Park, Muskegon State Park, and Pioneer County Park.

This request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide significant benefits to the community, serving low-income individuals, creating a significant anchor for tourism, and preserving natural habitat while creating public amenities.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

JOHN MOOLENAAR Member of Congress

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