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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure to serve with you on the Committee on Appropriations, and I value your leadership.

I am requesting \$800,000 in FY27 funding for the Lake Erie West Regional Council located in Northwest Ohio. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Erie West, located at 300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 300 in Toledo, Ohio 43604.

The purpose of this project study is to evaluate the operational, legal, and financial feasibility of establishing, restoring, or improving intercity and regional passenger rail service along the approximately 130-mile corridor between Toledo, Ohio and South Bend, Indiana. This corridor traverses multiple counties across two states and connects several underserved communities that currently lack viable intercity transportation alternatives.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is eligible under the CRISI program authorized in section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress