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## MARCY KAPTUR 9TH DISTRICT, OHIO

March 31, 2023

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Toledo MLK Bridge, Construct a Multi-Use Path, Toledo, Ohio Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Toledo, located at 1 Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604. The funding would support the construction of a protected multi-use path on the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Bridge in downtown Toledo, including construction of the path and structural modifications, rebalancing, and equipment upgrades necessary to support the path. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling across the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge, a key point of connection between downtown Toledo and East Toledo. Additionally, it will provide a key link in Metroparks Toledo's Glass City Riverwalk. Currently under development, the Riverwalk activates Toledo's greatest natural asset to catalyze a broader revitalization of downtown Toledo's riverfront. When complete, the Riverwalk will include 300 acres of parkland connected by a continuous 5-mile trail.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress