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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 funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 for the Northwest Ohio Regional Food Access Rehabilitation Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (recently renamed the Lake Erie West Regional Council), located at 300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 300, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

The funding would be used by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments to rehabilitate a suitable site into a food incubation, distribution, and farmers' market hub that strengthens the regional food economy in Northwest Ohio. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help small farmers and food entrepreneurs bring products to market while expanding access to healthy, locally grown food in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress