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

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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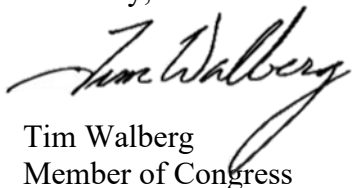
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Dowagiac Senior Services Expansion Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dowagiac, located at 241 S Front Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047. The funding would be used to support the acquisition and redevelopment of a vacant 14,000-square-foot former supermarket property in downtown Dowagiac, converting it into an expanded senior services center that will increase access to congregate meals, wellness programming, and social engagement opportunities for older adults in rural Cass County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses the growing needs of the region's senior population, expands preventative health and nutrition services that help reduce long-term healthcare costs, and adaptively reuses a prominent vacant commercial property to support downtown revitalization and economic stability.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress