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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Waterfront Master Plan Implementation Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of New Buffalo, located at 224 West Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, Michigan 49117. The funding would be used for the continued development of the Harbor Country region's primary waterfront area. Specifically, the funding would be used to expand the beach, build community facilities including bathrooms and a lifeguard office, and create a new pedestrian boardwalk between Galien River and the beach. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because tourism is the primary economic driver for Harbor Country in Michigan, and the improvement of the New Buffalo waterfront is imperative to the economic success of the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

Tim Walberg

Member of Congress