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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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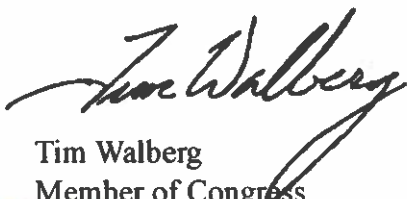Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Niles, located at 333 N. Second St., Niles, Michigan 49120. The funding would be used for the replacement of a picnic pavilion at Riverfront Park in downtown Niles, resurfacing the oldest Michigan portion built in 2009 of the trail in downtown Niles, and the construction of the next phase of the trail north of Niles. The new phase of the trail system will work towards expanding the existing 17-mile IN-MI RVT that currently routes from Mishawaka IN to Niles, MI. This 8-mile trail extension will connect north to five new municipalities in Berrien County MI providing connected accessible transportation options and recreational opportunities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the IN-MI RVT facilities are a significant resource for the city as well as a vital part of the interstate trail system which is being improved and expanded.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Community Development Fund: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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