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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Rensselaer's Hollow Preserve Trailhead Connection project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Rensselaer, located at 62 Washington St, Rensselaer, New York, 12144. The funding would be used to develop trailhead infrastructure for the Rensselaer Hollow Trail, implement on-road improvements, and to increase connectivity with regional trail networks. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase public access to walkable transit infrastructure and recreational outdoor opportunities while promoting safety for residents.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress