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May 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Downtown Akron Main Street Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Akron located from 388 S. Main St to 540 S. Main St. The funding would be used to complete the revitalization of downtown Akron's Main Street to attract and retain current businesses and to make an easier road to travel on for everyday users. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project addresses the few bike lanes and pedestrian crossings and improves street lighting between Barges and Cedar Streets.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Emilia Sykes  
Member of Congress