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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 \$1,500,000 in funding for the Ohio and Erie Canal Heritage Area Restoration project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Stark County Park District located at St. Helena Heritage Park 123 Tuscarawas Street Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614. The funding would be used to make key improvements, such as restoring and upgrading facilities, that are needed to sustain this area of the canal for the future. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project is making the facilities more accessible to community members that use this public good for outdoor recreation including biking, walking, and water sports like kayaking.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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