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The Honorable Andy Harris Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr. Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop Jr:

I am requesting funding for the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fairlawn located at 3487 Steiner Smith Road, Fairlawn, OH, 44333. The funding would be used to construct stream restoration and wetland floodplain improvements and remove one low head and one 10-foot high dam. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project mitigates flooding and diminishes downstream erosion in Copley, Norton, and Barberton, removes fish barriers, delivers around 4 million gallons of flood storage capacity, and increases water quality for surrounding communities.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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