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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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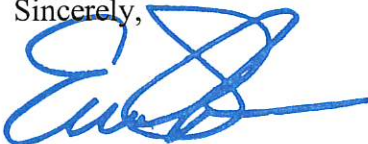
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$6 million in funding for the Downtown Akron Main Street Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Akron located at 166 S. High St., Akron, OH 44308. 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.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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