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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Construction Funding for Gap and Intersection Improvements for the Downriver Linked Greenways Trail System in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Friends of the Detroit River, located at 20600 Eureka Rd. #250, Taylor, MI 48180.

The funding will strengthen connections of the Downriver Linked Greenways. The gaps, intersections, and bike lanes cover nine communities, home to over 130,000 people, in the Downriver area. Once this project is complete, this strengthened trail system will give a diverse population of residents access to various green spaces, such as parks and wildlife habitats, which have been proven to help reduce stress, improve mental and physical health, provide relaxation, stimulate social cohesion, and reduce morbidity and mortality rates. The combined trail systems will provide an outlet for cyclists, walkers, runners, and kayakers to engage in physical activity unabated by constant automobile traffic interactions and serve as safe routes to community connection points like local parks, schools, public gathering spaces, and riverfront activities.

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

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress