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## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Cornelius Emerald Necklace Greenway project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Cornelius, located at 21445 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius, North Carolina, 28031.

The funding would be used to fund a critical missing 0.7-mile segment of the Emerald Necklace. The Greenway is a 13.5-mile loop trail designed to connect Cornelius residents to key destinations and neighboring towns. With 83% of the trail already complete, this funding is for a critical missing 0.7-mile Downtown District segment along Catawba Avenue. This segment will connect the historic Smithville community to the Antiquity Greenway, enhancing access, mobility, and economic opportunity. As downtown Cornelius undergoes revitalization, completing this link will boost tourism, support local businesses, and help realize the town's vision of a vibrant, walkable regional destination.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will boost local businesses, attract tourism, and support downtown revitalization through increased foot traffic and connectivity. It also provides a safe, affordable transportation option for underserved communities, improving access to jobs, schools, and services. Additionally, the trail enhances civic engagement by connecting to the Cornelius Veterans Monument and other cultural landmarks, strengthening community identity and honoring local veterans.

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

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress