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The Hon. Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Great Sauk State Trail Bicycle Rail Trail Connection project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Sauk County, Wisconsin 505 Broadway Baraboo, WI 53913

The funds would go towards completing 20+ years of work to create the rail to trail corridor across Sauk County, linking vital major trails together and providing development that creates vibrant and diverse community economies. Funding would make the difference in finishing the trail in the very near future versus over a decade from now. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because construction of the final section of the Great Sauk State Trail bicycle rail trail connecting the existing built trail in the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area south of Baraboo, Wisconsin to the 400 State Trail in Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan

Member of Congress