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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding of \$2,000,000 for the Lorain County Agricultural Society building construction and improvements in Wellington, OH in FY 2025. The entity to receive funding is the Lorain County Agricultural Society.

This project will provide significant upgrades and new facilities to the 177-acre Lorain County Fairgrounds, owned by Lorain County Agricultural Society (LCAS). In addition to the requisite infrastructure improvements, specific upgrades identified for the requested Community Project Funding are the following:

- Covered Outdoor Arena with Parking Lot Improvements: The outdoor arena will be expanded to a competition-size covered arena for year-round shows and a staging area for equine events. The goal is to construct an open-sided outdoor arena with improved drainage attributes. A metal roof and electrical and lighting systems will support all planned events, regardless of weather or time of day. Dimensions of this structure will be 135 ft. x 240 ft. (32,4000 square feet).
- Replacement of three Junior Fair Livestock Buildings: The new Beef Barn will replace three Junior Fair livestock buildings with a larger, new cattle barn. The dimensions will be 90' x 180', equaling 16,200 square feet, expanding the wash rack and fitting area.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code Section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta  
Member of Congress