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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-218, The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Black River Landing Waterfront Public Facility Redevelopment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lorain County Port Authority, located at 319 Black River Lane Lorain, Ohio 44052. The funding would be used to complete Phase 1-B of the Black River Landing Public Facility Redevelopment — the final investment needed to fully activate one of Northeast Ohio's most visited public waterfront destinations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Black River Landing is Lorain County's largest visitor destination, drawing more than 150,000 people annually — with nearly 35% coming from outside the county. It is a proven regional economic engine, generating hotel stays, restaurant visits, retail spending, and local employment with every event.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress