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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Akron Civic Commons, Lock 3 Park in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, Inc. located at 47 West Exchange Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

Lock 3 Park is located along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in the center of Akron, and it is the central gathering place for concerts, festivals, and events. One of the biggest challenges of Lock 3 is its current design and layout, lack of vegetation and trees, and it does not function well as a public park. Working in partnership with City of Akron and Summit County, neighborhood residents and community stakeholders, and a variety of others this project be used to turn Lock 3 Park into an accessible, equitable and welcoming park for everyone in downtown Akron. Their plans include the addition of trees, seating, formal gardens, artwork, permanent ice-skating areas, and a nationally designed Performance Pavilion. Akron Civic Commons Lock 3 Park is a \$10 million dollar public-private partnership, with broad support from residents, local government, corporations, foundations, and the State of Ohio, and this federal funding would allow them to finish their fundraising goal and begin construction. As a local, state and national resource, Lock 3 provides multiple benefits to taxpayers as a regional community asset that creates jobs, stimulates community and economic development and is an accessible, equitable and welcoming park for all Akron residents and visitors.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Ryan".

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress